

BRUTAL MURDER OF L.B. WOOD

Deliberately Killed: Bound, Thrown Into Stream, Pinned Down By Rock
Eye-Witness Story
By G.R. Ross

Mr. L. B. Wood, 44-year-old managing director of the Canton office of Messrs. Deacon and Co., Ltd., was brutally murdered by four Chinese highwaymen near Lion's Rock on Wednesday afternoon.

Both he and his hiking companion, Mr. G. B. Ross, Director of the same company, were first badly beaten up by the robbers who used rocks and stones. Both were trussed up and relieved of their money and watches.

After dealing with Mr. Wood, the men threw him down the side of the road into a shallow stream. There, with a huge rock on his shoulders, pinning him down, his dead body was found by the police later in the evening. A police report said that he had died from drowning.

A large posse of police were out all night and yesterday morning the hills for traces of the highwaymen, who were armed with a revolver containing bullets that did not detonate when fired.

The police have offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the men responsible for the outrage.

Mr. Wood's body, trussed up, was found by a party of police, headed by Det. Supt. Charles Mottam, and Inspector Smith, and led by Mr. G. R. Ross.

According to a report given to the Kowloon City Police Station by Mr. Ross at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, he went out hiking with his co-director about 1.30 p.m. along the catchwater at Tapo Road.

Accosted
While hiking on Kowloon Pass, near Lion's Rock, they were held up by three Chinese males, one of whom was armed with a revolver. Instead of complying with the demand to "stand and deliver," Messrs. Ross and Wood went for their men.

After a fierce fight, the two Europeans were overpowered. Each of them was gagged and their hands bound with wire. Rocks were then thrown at them by the robbers, after which Mr. Ross was thrown on to the bushes on the left side of the pass where he lay for some time.

When the men had left the scene Mr. Ross got to his feet and climbed on to the Pass. Seeing that the undergrowth on the opposite side was flattened out, he deduced that his friend (Mr. Wood) must have been thrown over the side.

Finds Body
With his hands still bound, Mr. Ross slid down the side of the Pass until he came to a stream where he found Mr. Wood, trussed up, lying in the water with his head submerged.

Working under great difficulty, Mr. Ross managed to raise his friend's head above water and drag his body from the stream on to the bank.

Mr. Ross then struggled up the side and walked over Lion's Rock where he met a Chinese driver who, after untying his hands, gave him a lift to Kowloon City Police Station.

Accompanied by the Police party, Mr. Ross later went back to the scene of the outrage. With the aid of their torches, the Police secured the area and

Killed By A Shark

Sydney, Feb. 12.

Ronald Johnston, aged 16, a lifeguard, was mauled to death by a shark at Stockton Beach today.

The shark struck him 40 yards from shore. A fellow lifeguard brought him to shore but he died a few minutes later. — Associated Press.

Russia Does Some More "Accusing"

Moscow, Feb. 12.

The Soviet Union today accused Britain and France of being the first to conclude non-aggression pacts with Hitler in further details from captured German documents, published by the Soviet Information Bureau.

The statement cited the Anglo-German naval agreement of 1935; the declaration signed by Hitler and Chamberlain in September, 1938 at the time of the Munich agreement, and a similar declaration by the French and German governments on December 6, 1938 as non-aggression pacts.

These, with the Munich agreement, "being the gates wide open for Hitlerite aggression against the Soviet Union," the statement declared.

Britain and France, the Information Bureau statement declared, aimed at "leading Germany to aggression" in the East to ward off German ambitions towards themselves.

"It was thus that political conditions for uniting Europe without Russia were created," the statement said.

"What was sought was the complete isolation of the Soviet Union."

"Bits And Pieces"

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that some of the German documents published by Russia in an effort to blame the Western Powers for the rise of Hitler would be included in the forthcoming publication by Britain, the United States and France of the German foreign Office archives.

The spokesman referred to the Moscow publications as "bits and pieces" and said he was not in a position to state whether or not they were verified.

He said the three western Powers had three volumes of Nazi archives under preparation for publication and these would cover the period from mid-1936 to December, 1941.

At the same time, he said, documents from British archives covering the same period are being made ready for publication, he added. "This will give ample opportunity for cross-checking."

Meanwhile, a dispatch from Moscow said the Russians struck

S'hai Gold Bars Mixed With Brass

SHANGHAI, FEB. 12. — GOLD-BARS — BOTH TEN-OUNCE AND ONE-OUNCE BARS — IN SHANGHAI HAVE BEEN MIXED WITH BRASS. IT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY GOLD-SMITHS.

According to experts quoted by the China Press, ten-ounce gold-bars after scrupulous examination have been found to contain only 96 per cent of precious metal. Meanwhile, the purity of one-ounce gold-bars was said to have been reduced to 93 per cent.

Investigating the adulteration of gold-bars the authorities encountered considerable difficulties because the bars obtained from circulation on the market. — Reuter.

Confiscations

Shanghai, Feb. 12. More than 2,000 ounces of gold, approximately US\$85,000 and HK\$20,000 were confiscated by the authorities during the period from July to December last year, official sources disclosed.

The Finance Ministry's records showed that exactly 2,171 ounces of gold were seized during the second half of 1947 mostly from persons found violating the emergency and economic regulations prohibiting transactions in gold and foreign currencies. — Reuter.

Naseby Hall Damaged By A Fire

Market Harborough, Feb. 12.

Naseby Hall, Leicestershire, in whose fields in 1645 the Roundheads and Royalists met in a decisive battle, was extensively damaged by fire today. The Hall was used by the King and Queen as a hunting lodge several years ago.

Ex-GI In British Court

Bridgeton, (England), Feb. 12.

Billy Burke Edwards, former GI charged with the murder of his own baby daughter Brenda, appeared briefly in court today but on a motion of the prosecution was again remanded to his cell, this time until next Monday.

Edwards had a brief court-room consultation with his Indianapolis attorney, James Dawson, who arrived in England by air yesterday to assist in the defence. The defendant appeared in court handcuffed. Later Dawson said: "I am here to do a mission to help Edwards all I can. At present I do not know whether I shall be permitted to represent him in an English court. This is being investigated. Money for his defence was raised by friends in Indianapolis and I had a long talk with Edwards' father and friends before I left."

Edwards is being represented by an English lawyer, Trevor Hill, and it is reported that a prominent West of England barrister, C. M. Lavington, also will join in the defence. — United Press.

CHINESE JOINT SS. BOARD

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

To encourage the export trade and develop overseas navigation enterprises four Chinese steamship companies, including the State-operated China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, have organized a joint board.

The board is divided into five sections: firstly, Japan and the Philippines; secondly, Siam and Rangoon; thirdly, India; fourthly, the overseas section; fifthly, the Secretariat. It is empowered to sign contracts with Chinese and foreign shipping and commercial firms either for chartering ships or

REDS IN SUBURBS OF MUKDEN

Gurkhas For H.K.

Singapore, Feb. 12. The first Gurkha troops for the Hong Kong garrison are sailing on board the Devonshire today.

They are an advance party of three British officers, two Gurkha officers and 43 other ranks. — Associated Press.

Uneasiness About The Royal Navy

London, Feb. 11.

A warning of "marked uneasiness" in the House of Commons and in Britain generally about the continued silence of the Government on the strength of the British fleet was given in the House of Commons today by Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, Conservative.

Mr. Thomas asked why the Government could not confirm or deny statements from all quarters of the world's press about the Royal Navy, but Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, reaffirmed recent Government statements refusing to publish details of naval strength on security grounds.

Another Conservative Member, Commander T. Galkrath, suggested that "every foreign power knows exactly the state of the British fleet."

Mr. Dugdale, declaring that he personally had no knowledge about this, emphasised that he did not regard a recent statement by the British Navy League (an unofficial body) as a leakage of military strength but only a guess.

The Navy League estimated the strength of the fleet at two aircraft carriers, 11 cruisers, four destroyers in the Home Fleet and three or four flotillas abroad, 10 frigates, two submarine flotillas and four sloops. — Reuter.

P.I. Black Market In Diesel Oil

Manila, Feb. 12.

Exaggerated reports of petroleum products shortages and war rumours among the people of provincial areas are creating a black market, particularly in kerosene and diesel oil.

Although the Philippines is understood to have been notified of an additional cut in diesel oil allocations from the United States, a Philippine official spokesman for the oil industry here and general manager of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, said additional supplies from Persia are expected to make up the difference.

Oil companies, meanwhile, holding dealer rations to a level equal to the amount they bought in previous sales. Owners of small diesel electric plants in Batangas and Pangasinan provinces complained to the Philippine Government that they were forced to pay 25 to 40 per cent above the official price.

In Iloilo, just recovering from last fortnight's disastrous earthquake, dealers were reported to be hoarding gasoline and telling the public that supplies were reduced because of heavy military requirement.

This explanation was refuted by oil companies, who state that unscrupulous merchants were merely trying to sell stocks surreptitiously at black market prices. — Associated Press.

SALONIKA GUN

Salonika, Feb. 11.

Fifty-eight members of the guerrilla band which shelled Salonika on Tuesday have been killed and 22 captured, an official announcement said today.

The gun that fired the shot has been captured, the report said. — Associated Press.

For the transportation of commodities. — Reuter.

Shanghai, Feb. 12. The Chinese New Year lull in the Battle of Manchuria was broken today when the Communists again swung into fullscale attacks against Mukden's southern defences. They penetrated into the suburbs but were hurled back after a savage fight which brought the thunder of artillery cannonades into the besieged city.

A United Press dispatch from Peiping today said fighting was continuing into the night. It added that the Reds broke through the outer defences in a first major attack on the Nationalist-held capital, which is at present standing practically alone among all the cities north of the border.

Although all the outer ramparts of the southern defences have fallen to the Reds, the Communists were driven back and retreated seven miles southward to Suchiatan, joining five other columns missing there.

Chinese press dispatches received in Shanghai said the Communists failed to co-ordinate their attacks from the north with those from the south and temporarily lost a chance of taking Mukden by storm. The dispatches said the government defenders cautiously withheld from following up on the Reds southward and remained inside the city's main defence perimeter to await another assault.

A Peiping dispatch said there was no government confirmation of the situation in Mukden and military quarters declined to comment on whether or not the Red activity foreshadowed the long-expected "showdown battle."

The dispatch said the Communists attacked across the Hun River, which fringes Mukden suburbs, in a rehearsal for the final assault. It is believed that the Reds intend to capture Chin-chow and Hsinmin, the only important railway stations the Nationalists hold in the area, before they concentrate on Mukden.

Meanwhile, the Communists have continued "softening up" Anshan, the steel mill centre south-east of Mukden. They failed to prevent the arrival of 1,000 Nationalist reinforcements who fought their way from Liangyang (the earlier loss of which tightened the noose around Anshan). — United Press.

London, Feb. 12. An article in "The Times" today, while declaring that some

of the generals of the Chinese Communist armies have been trained in Russia, added that there was no evidence that Soviet military advisers were assisting the Communist armies in the field.

The article, by "The Times" Peking correspondent, also expressed the opinion that relations between the Chinese Communists and the Soviet Union were "shrouded in mystery."

"The Times" article said, "The strength of the Communist Party, which has enabled it to hold its own against numerically stronger and better equipped forces and even to acquire further territory is due to three main causes."

"Its leaders are fanatics and enthusiasts, thoroughly trained and subject to the most rigid party discipline."

"Their armies are well disciplined and ably led. Some of the generals have had a thorough military course of instruction in Russia and their conduct of operations, especially of guerrilla warfare has been outstanding."

Russia Neutral

"Relations of the Chinese Communists with Soviet Russia are shrouded in mystery. The Soviet Government would appear to have hitherto preserved strict neutrality. There is no evidence that Soviet military advisers are assisting the Communist armies in the field. No Soviet aircraft have made their appearances in the civil war."

"Mao Tse-tung (Chinese Communist leader) and his followers are themselves violently anti-American, owing to the moral and material support the National Government has received from the United States."

"This does not mean that they would continue to pursue a policy favourable to Russia should they ever gain power over the whole of China." — Reuter.

Receipts Need Stamps

Attention is drawn to the necessity of affixing a ten cent adhesive stamp to every receipt issued for an amount exceeding \$20, except in the few cases where exemption is provided for in the Schedule to the Stamp Ordinance, No. 8 of 1921. The stamps may be purchased at any Post Office.

The person issuing the receipt is responsible for affixing the stamp and heavy fines and imprisonment may be imposed. In view of the prevalence of evasion, warning is given that offenders will be prosecuted.

PRINCESS BABA

London, Feb. 12.

Mrs. Valerie Nancy Cobarro, daughter of the former Rajah of Sarawak and herself the former Princess Baba, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court in London today on the ground of adultery by her Spanish husband, Mr. Jose Cobarro.

The judge exercised his discretion in Mrs. Cobarro's favour in respect of her own admission of adultery. — Reuter.

Turkish Fighters Shot Down

Sofia, Feb. 12.

The Bulgarian Telegraph Agency says that two Turkish fighter planes were shot down on Monday by Bulgarian coastal guards.

The report said one of the pilots was drowned in the Black Sea, off the port of Sozopol. The other was said to have been injured and was captured. Anti-aircraft guns apparently were used. The agency said the guards warned the planes by flashing red lights that they were over Bulgarian territory but that the planes ignored the warnings and circled Sozopol several times before being downed. — Associated Press.

The Weather

General situation: A trough of low pressure extends north-eastwards from Spain across Central China to Manchuria. A belt of high pressure extends from Korea to Japan and thence north-eastwards to Sakhalin. The depression in the Pacific to the south-west of Tokyo continues to move north-westwards. Forecast: Light to moderate south-east winds. Cloudy, mild.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 64.0 deg. F. Minimum: 54.7 deg. F. Sunshine: 5.5 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1: 22.6 mm. = 0.9 in. as against an average of 60.3 mm. = 2.38 in.

Bar. at m.s.l.: 1013.9 1013.1 h. m. Rel. Humidity: 78 80% Rain: 0.0 0.0 in. Wind Direction: S 25 deg. W. Wind Force: 15 20 knots.

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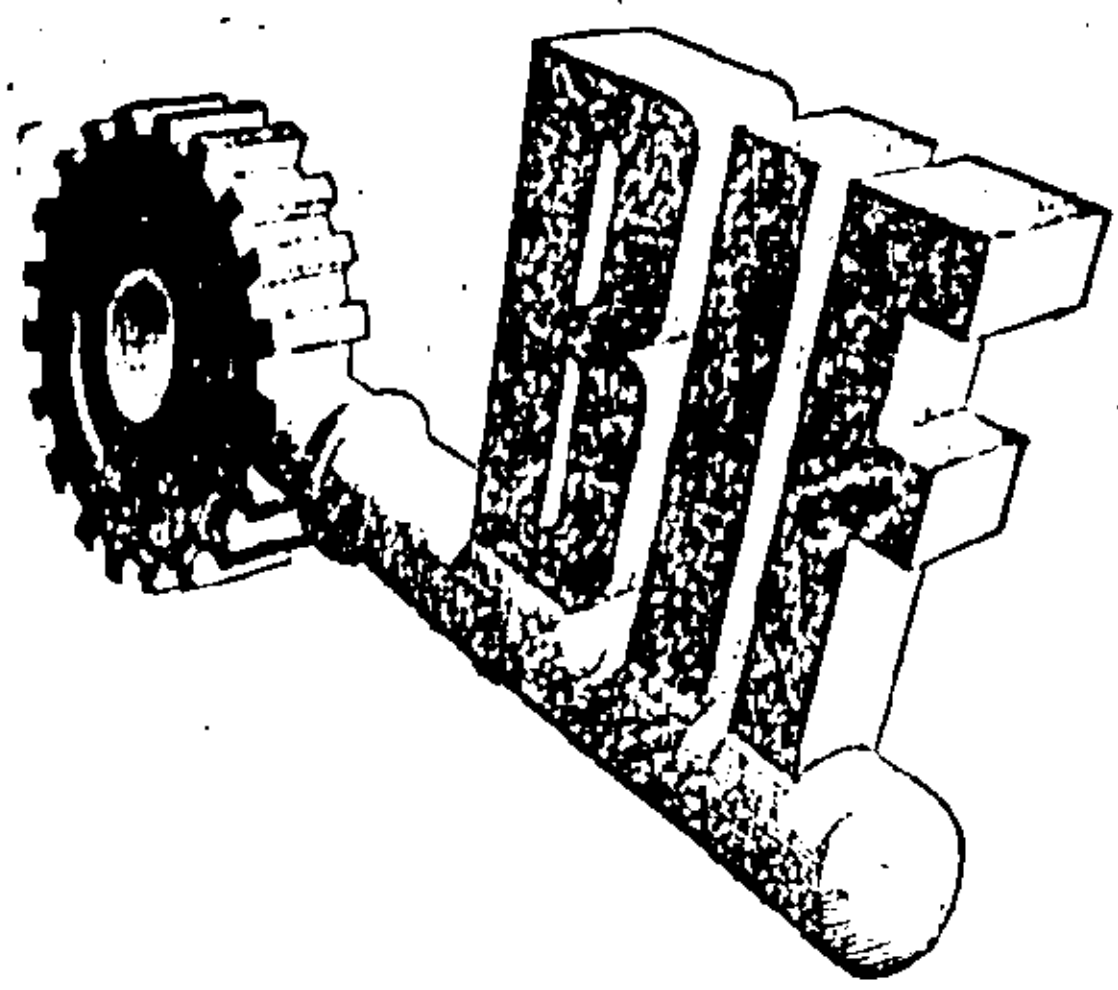
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BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR



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ON May 3rd 1948, when the British Industries Fair opens, buyers from all over the world will have an opportunity of inspecting the products of 3,000 United Kingdom manufacturers.

This annual event is the world's largest national trade fair. Such is its size and importance that you are urged to come yourself. You are assured of personal contact with actual manufacturers or

sole selling agents and you will find exhibits carefully grouped by trades so that comparisons may be made quickly. Above all you will see new achievements, new methods of manufacture and new ideas all executed with superb craftsmanship.

This is your only opportunity in 1948 to review within a few days the achievements of 87 United Kingdom industries.

For information and assistance you should apply to the nearest British Embassy, Legation or Consulate.

McGOWAN AMBULANCE DRIVER GETS 6 MONTH IN GAOL

Personalia

Mr. A. C. N. Ogden, CMG., GBE, British Consul-General in Shanghai, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong next week from Shanghai accompanied by Mrs. Ogden and their daughter to board the s.s. Canton for Europe. A report from Shanghai said that it was doubtful that Mr. Ogden would return to China.

Mr. Ogden first arrived in China in 1912 when he was appointed Student Interpreter. After serving in several different Chinese cities in North and Central China and in Kunming during the war he was appointed Consul-General in Shanghai in 1937. Previously he was in charge of the Consulate in Shanghai from 1937 to 1939.

His present status in the Foreign Office is Grade IV. There are only two others in this grade: the Consuls-General in New York and Batavia.

The wedding of Mr. Benjamin Macdonald, musician, 75, of 10, 2nd floor, to Miss M. J. Macdonald, 30, of 10, 2nd floor, took place at the Supreme Court yesterday in the presence of Mr. F. V. Olsson and Doris Macdonald.

Mr. T. C. Davis, Canadian Ambassador-Designate to China, accompanied by Mrs. Davis, left for the Saitan Military Academy on Wednesday and will arrive at the grave of an unknown Canadian Soldier.

The following left for Manila yesterday by P.A.A. Clipper "Malaya": Col. C. H. Elows, Col. L. S. Graham, Col. B. F. Wood, H. Magnuson and H. Taylor.

Passengers by C.P.A. planes included E. J. Chambers (from Singapore) and H. E. Castene (from Rangoon).

Passengers by P.A.A. Clipper "Kit Carson": Miss Rodil H. Akroy, B. B. Chatterjee, Miss Dolores Gregory, N. Most, M. Isaacs and R. Ewing (for Manila), R. Jackson and E. F. Mulvey (for Guam), I. Bergner, G. Goldworthy and H. Scruton (for Honolulu) and J. Law and R. Liewer (for San Francisco).

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: Mrs. G. S. A. Vine, G. A. Goslop, Dr. H. C. Harding, N. S. McEwan, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Henderson, H. E. Castens, D. E. P. Murphy, J. G. Harrington, Ian C. Mackenzie and Miss S. V. Clark.

Peninsula departures: Mrs. Yolande Regille, Brig. and Mrs. C. S. Bright, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. H. Hickmott, D. K. Jardine, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Knight, A. C. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rawlings, H. F. R. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. G. Macer, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, R. A. Slater and Geo. Jack.

On their arrival in the Colony by the s.s. Shengking next Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden will stay at Government House until the s.s. Canton sails on Feb. 23.

Director of the Philippines Chinese Hong Kong Institute of Manila, Mr. Yeung Cheng-tong, well-known overseas Chinese educationalist, arrived in Hong Kong this week. He is on an educational tour of Far Eastern countries.

Mr. Yeung has made courtesy calls on Mr. T. R. Rowell, Hong Kong Director of Education, and Mr. Y. P. Law, Senior Inspector of Vernacular Schools. With these two officials, he has arranged for observation schedules to local middle, elementary and kindergarten schools as well as Government educational institutions.

Mr. Yeung is also interested in juvenile delinquency and has called on Mr. J. C. McDouall, Hong Kong's Social Welfare Officer, to arrange for visits to the Reformatory at Stanley and the Boys' Camp.

Mr. C. R. C. Laming M.B.E., until recently President of No. 5 War Crimes Court in Hong Kong, is leaving the Colony tomorrow.

The Colonel, and his wife are returning to South Africa, where he intends to continue his legal profession in a civilian capacity. No. 5 Court tried several particularly interesting cases in Hong Kong, including POW Camp Hong Kong, Tokugawa, Lisbon-Maru, Gen. Ho's two subordinates, Tanaka and Shoji, the Behar case and the Hockley case.

At the latter, Lt. Col. Laming dealt with 27 cases, involving 33 accused, of which 12 received the death sentence, 11 were acquitted and the remainder sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to 20 years.

Magistrate Refuses To Give Option

The driver's desire to get his job done as quickly as possible and get home early for the Chinese New Year was advanced by Traffic Sub-Inspector R. Bell as the indirect cause of the death of Mr. John Ferguson McGowan on Feb. 9, when he charged into Toong, driver of Kowloon Hospital Ambulance 8654, with dangerous driving, before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sentencing defendant to six months' hard labour without the option of a fine, the Magistrate said, in reply to accused's application for an option, "I am not giving you the option as it appears to be no deterrent at all. Accidents just go on and on."

The direct cause of Mr. McGowan's death was, in TSI Bell's opinion, fracture of the right ribs and a shunt which pierced the deceased's lung.

Detailing the accident near the 11-milestone at Castle Peak Road, near Tsun Wan, about 11 a.m. on Monday, TSI Bell said defendant with Mr. McGowan sitting next to him and two members of the Emergency Unit behind, left Kowloon Hospital about 10.30 a.m. for the New Territories.

Object of the journey was to pay the personnel of the Medical posts their half-month's pay the Chinese New Year.

As the ambulance was approaching the slight bend before the 11-milestone, so the driver told the Police, another lorry approached from the opposite direction and travelling in the middle of the road.

Statement

Defendant, in his own statement, pulled his vehicle hard to the left, off the edge of the road, and travelled 53 feet before reaching the rock.

The ambulance continued, for 8 feet 6 inches along the side of the rock when its rear end and rear wheels struck the rock. A projecting piece of the rock ripped away the door of the cab and the rear side of the vehicle. (The rock was about 90 feet wide and taking the 12-foot car park on the Tsun Wan side into consideration, defendant had a full 102 feet to negotiate his vehicle after the accident.)

On striking the building accused must have swerved to the middle of the road and, seeing the rocky cliff on the other side, swung his ambulance back to the left.

He must have then "let the lorry take control," or, in other words, lost his head completely. The ambulance went down the side of the road and, according to a later inspection, first struck a gully about 50 feet below and then swung off to the left, with its front facing the road.

Blood

Mr. McGowan was thrown off the vehicle on to some shrubs which "staved in all his ribs on the right side." There was a mess of blood among the bushes. One of the shrubs pierced the deceased's lung.

One of the E.U. men managed to climb up to the road and told a passing Serviceman about the accident. The Tsun Wan Police was informed and an ambulance sent and conveyed the two injured E.U. personnel and Mr. McGowan to the Kowloon Hospital.

TSI Bell said that defendant claimed that he was going 20 m.p.h. If that was so he would have had ample opportunity to stop after striking the rock.

"I contend," said the prosecuting officer, "that defendant was in a hurry to get the payment job done and get home for the Chinese New Year festivities."

When the vehicle was examined after the accident, the brakes were found to be still in good condition.

Not True

The defendant further claimed that, as it was raining he had to drive with one hand and wipe the windscreen with the other. This was not true as the vehicle had a suction windscreen wiper.

As to defendant's claim that he had to pull off the edge of the road to avoid an oncoming lorry, TSI said, "I very much doubt if there was any other vehicle on the road at all. The road there was 22 feet 5 inches wide and, even if there was another vehicle, there would have been ample room for both cars. The Regulation width is 7 feet 6 inches, which leaves 5 feet 5 inches to spare."

Asking for a serious view to be taken, TSI Bell said, "Defendant is a Government driver and drives for the Medical Authorities. It is his job to drive an ambulance to accidentals and he should be an example to other drivers."

Hit Him With Bowl Of Goldfish

For striking her husband with a glass bowl containing goldfish on Wednesday, Tang was fined \$25 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Tang Wah was charged with assaulting her husband G. Ladih, near Ramsey Street at about 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Inspector Moran said that there appeared to have been a quarrel between the parties. Accused was the concubine of complainant. As he was returning from work accused met him in Ramsey Street and is alleged to have hit him on the head with a glass bowl containing goldfish. A crowd gathered and a constable, unable to get satisfaction, took both parties to the Police station. The man was sent to hospital and a small piece of glass found in his face. He was not detained.

Accused claimed that she had been struck first. Inspector Moran said that accused had been to the S.C.A. some time ago on the question of support.

In binding both parties over in a bond of \$250 Mr. d'Almada said that whatever may have been the cause, the use of the glass bowl was serious.

Funeral

John McGowan

The funeral of the late John McGowan, of the Medical Department, who died as the result of motor accident on the Castle Peak Road on Monday last, when the ambulance in which he was travelling ran over the embankment, took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. J. E. Sandback officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

Pall bearers were H. F. Shields, E. F. Pope, J. Skinner, P. Cunningham, L. G. Young and R. A. Edwards.

Among those present were Dr. I. Newton, J. A. Fraser, Dr. J. A. R. Selby, R. Duncan, J. H. S. Duncan, L. Sykes, E. A. Atkins, T. A. Madar, W. J. Keates, E. W. Coulson, G. B. Lohrum, A. Steven, R. Leigh, R. P. Phillips, J. S. Beach, W. E. Hollands, J. C. Gillingham, H. C. Patterson, N. J. Babbington, G. F. Murphy, D. Carter, R. S. W. Patterson, H. Lammert, L. G. Omar, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Chief Inspector, Cunningham, A. S. P. Wilcox, R. E. Stott and many others.

Telegrams of sympathy were sent by Club Lusitano of Shanghai, Yangtze Club, Club Barbarian Bowling Club, Shanghai Recreation Club, International Sporting Club and the Shanghai Lawn Bowling Association.

Wreaths were sent by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hooper, Club de Recreio, H. F. Shields, Dr. Lai Po Chuen, Staff of the Wanchai I.D.H., L. F. da Souza, Principal Matron, Matron and sisters of Queen Mary Hospital, Wong Man Tak, President, Vice president and members of Hong Kong Football Association, E. V. Olson, the R.W.M. Officers and Brethren of Lodge St. John, No. 618, S.C. the R.W.M. Officers and Brethren of Lodge Naval and Military, No. 848, S.C., Lionel Strange, F. X. M. da Silva, the Kowloon Dock Club, Medical Superintendent and Staff Kwong Wah Hospital, Dr. K. F. Tait, Members of the Northumberland and Durham Assoc., President, committee and members of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Staff and Almoner's Department, Queen Mary Hospital, Kowloon Hospital, Sai Yung Pun Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams, Telephone operators, Queen Mary Hospital and many others.

Charged with the unlawful possession of transmitting valves, two coils and a Morse key, 37-year-old Lu Po of No. 171 Sai Yee Street, was cautioned by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Involuntary Contribution To The Poor Box

Eight gambling joints in Kowloon involuntarily contributed \$485 to the Poor Box on Wednesday when "table money" seized by the Police in raids during the Chinese New Year holidays, was ordered by Mr. W. H. Latimer to be confiscated.

The largest contributions were made by Chan Chuen, keeper of a den on the ground floor of an unnumbered house at Temple Street, and Li Yee and Leung Shek of 115 Temple Street; ground floor, who were arrested by Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope and his men on Monday.

Chan forfeited his bail of \$750, while 12 of his patrons lost their bond of \$25 each. Another 21 of his gamblers were fined \$20 each. "Table money" seized amounted to \$255.50.

In the "house" jointly run by Li and Leung, the Police found 18 gamblers, and seized \$187.22 "table money." The keepers were fined \$350 each, and the seven gamblers who appeared in Court \$20. The other 12 gamblers' bail of \$25 each was forfeited.

Celebrating The New Year

A 22-year-old sanitary cooler, Kwok Mun, boarded Bus 4206 of Route 2 on New Year's day morning and refused to pay fare or get off when ordered.

As the driver turned the bus to go to the Police Station he jumped off and fell to the ground.

The conductor went to his aid but was knocked down. Another conductor was also assaulted.

Kwok was brought before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with evading payment of bus fare, alighting from a moving bus and common assault.

Convicted on all counts, Kwok was fined a total of \$100.

Readers' Letters

Peak Tram

Sir,—I wish to draw attention to the fantastic conditions which prevail at the Peak Tram Terminus in Garden Road at certain hours. It is appreciated that Tuesday was a holiday for the Chinese and large numbers of them wished to travel on the Peak Tramway but the fighting for a seat needed to be seen to be adequately believed. Surely some form of 'queueing' could be instituted at the entrance and a stop put to the pushing and shoving which goes on—indeed a survival of the strongest.

The European officials made no effort to regulate the crowd during the afternoon rush although representations were made to them. The anticipated walk around the Peak Top was completely spoilt for the undersigned by the exhaustion caused at the commencement by the fight for a seat.

TWO ENGLISH BUSINESS WOMEN.

I was agreeably surprised at lunch-time the next day to find a semblance of a 'queue' at the Peak Terminus!!!

ADVICE TO MAGISTRATES

Appeal Allowed By Full Court

"The Court thinks it proper to add that in the preparation of a case magistrates should follow, in every case where it is possible, the form prescribed by the Magistrates Ordinance 1932, particularly where it provides for enumeration of the facts proved, admitted or introduced by consent."

These remarks were made yesterday when judgment was delivered by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulane Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Acting Additional Judge), on an appeal by way of case stated from the decision of Mr. J. G. Conklin, Police Magistrate, dismissing a summons under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance 1890.

Man Keng Wong, Agent for Messrs. Monsanto Co., of Kowloon Building (appellant), was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn of Messrs. Brutton & Co.

Chuen Cheong Hong of 11 Connaught Road West, (respondent), was represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Mr. d'Almada asked that the Court amend the summons to read that the "defendant had in his possession for sale" the goods in question. He said that the word "Monsanto" was a false trade description within the meaning of the Ordinance.

Mr. d'Almada was about to refer to the Magistrate's notes on the case, but was prevented from doing so by Mr. Justice Gould, who said that the appeal was by way of a case stated, the Court was not entitled to look at the notes.

It was then suggested by Mr. d'Almada that if the Court was unable to refer to the notes, he would request that the case be sent back to the Magistrate for amendment.

"Unsatisfactory"

Mr. Wright, stating that he had no objection to reference being made to the notes, said that he wished to point out that the case stated was, in his view, unsatisfactory as the Magistrate had not pointed out what was evidence and what he found proved to his satisfaction as fact.

Mr. d'Almada said that in the present case, no evidence was available to show that the respondents had taken all the precautions necessary in connection with the goods purchased by him from the S.T. & I.

Mr. Wright submitted that the onus was on the respondents, to prove the absence of means. After quoting a number of authorities Mr. Wright said that the respondents had taken all reasonable precautions, as the goods had been purchased from a reputable source.

It was necessary for the purchaser to take every reasonable precaution to prove that he had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the article purchased.

In the course of his judgment, with which Mr. Justice Reynolds concurred, Mr. Justice Gould said in part:

"On the argument as addressed to this Court, the only question in issue was whether the respondents had proved, at the hearing, that they had taken all reasonable precautions against committing the offence. Whether or not it is established that such precautions have been taken is a question of fact to be decided in the circumstances of each particular case, but the burden of proof thereof is placed upon the defendant by the last mentioned subsection.

"The case stated contains no finding of fact that such reasonable precautions on the part of the respondents had been proved but the following paragraph appears in the reasons given for the Magistrate's decision: '(a) the respondent at the time of committing the offence had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the trade description. The appellant should be entitled to expect that the S.T. & I. would only deal in genuine goods.'

Burden Of Proof

"The second of these two sentences presumably refers to the first and appears to give the Magistrate's reason for stating that the respondent had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the trade description. This is entirely different from finding that the respondent had taken all reasonable precautions, and the absence of any finding as to the latter in the case stated shows that the respondent could not discharge

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Report On Accidents

Eight fatal accidents, 2 serious, 154 slight and 403 with damage only, are reported in an official announcement covering the past three months. The accidents occurred at 11 different "black-spots" on the Island.

The fatal accidents occurred in Queen's Road East (4), Johnston Road (1), Queen Road between Des Voeux Road junction and the Dockyard (1), Des Voeux between Pottinger Street and the Fire Station (1) and Queen's Road between Des Voeux Road and Western Street (1).

Reminders

Today
Women's World Day of Prayer
St. John's Cathedral 3 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, St. Andrew's Church, Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon
Talk by Capt. Luff on "Steps to Democracy," Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Continuous Recitation of the Book for Soul of Gandhi and distribution of fruit meals, Sikh Temple, 12 noon

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Pelles Annua Dance, Central Police Gymnasium, 8 p.m.
1 a.m.
H.K. Football Association Dinner in honour of Shanghai International Football Team, Raffles Hotel, 8 p.m.
Chinese New Year Party, Chinese YMCA Duddell Street
SUNDAY
Memorial Service for Gandhi, Sikh Temple, Gap Road.

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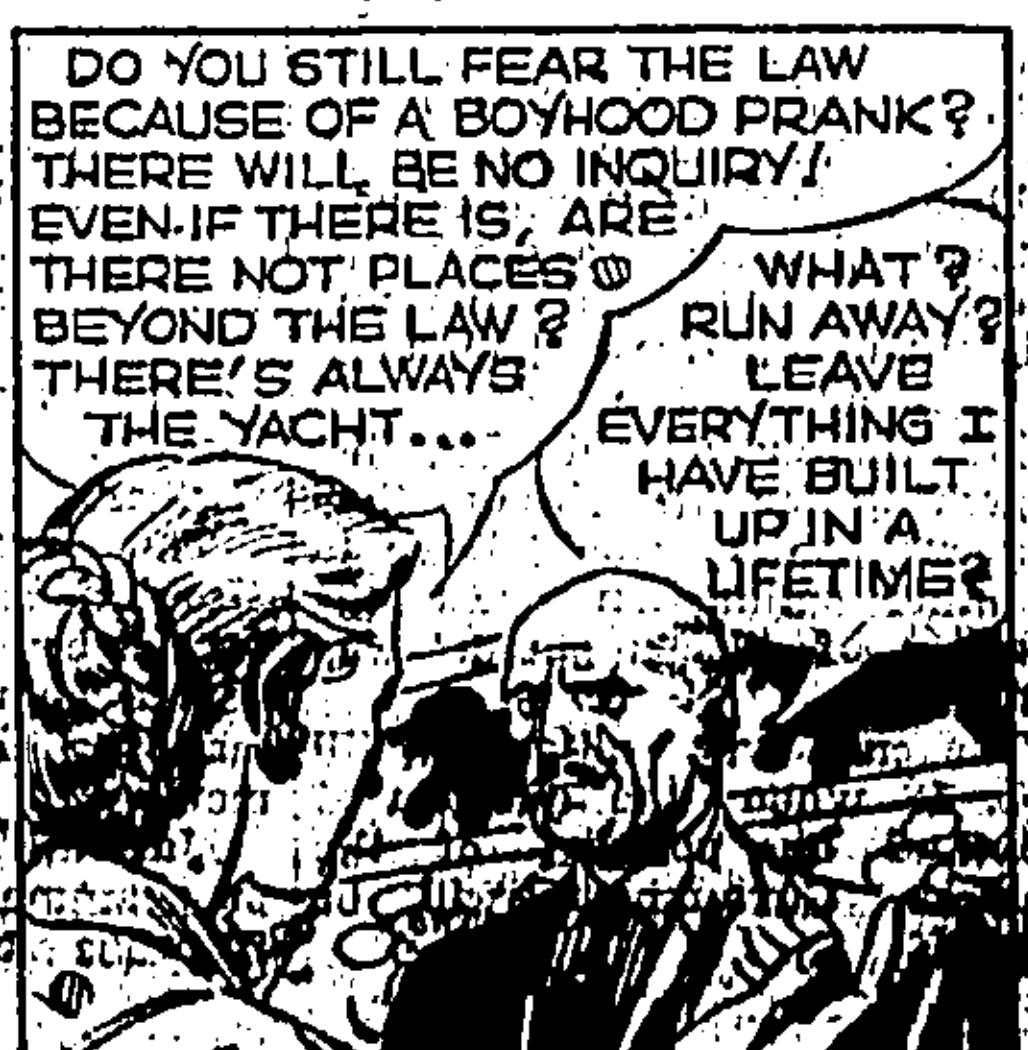
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DAMAGES OF \$187,972 ASKED FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

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Damages of \$187,972.00, for what was described as a "very gross breach of contract," were claimed by The Hong Kong Canton Export Co., Ltd., (plaintiffs), from The Far Eastern Air Transport Inc., (defendants), in an action heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday. Judgment will be delivered at 10 a.m. today.

The plaintiffs, whose address is given as French Bank Building, were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Company.

The defendants, whose address is given as Palumbo Building, Manila, P. I., and French Bank Building, Hong Kong, were not present in Court.

In their writ, the plaintiffs claimed damages for breach of an agreement dated Jan. 1, 1947, whereby plaintiffs' agents in Hong Kong in connection with an air line operated by the defendants.

Opening his case, Mr. Sheldon said that this was an action in which there had been a very gross breach of contract, from which the plaintiffs had suffered substantial damages.

By a contract in writing dated Jan. 1, 1947, the defendants employed the plaintiffs as their sole agents in Hong Kong for transacting the defendant's air transport business in Hong Kong and also for performing various services for the defendants.

It was provided in the contract that the plaintiffs would provide the necessary internal office organization and an adequate staff at their own expense.

There was also a provision in the contract that the plaintiffs' employment should continue until Dec. 31, 1947.

By way of salary and remuneration, the plaintiffs should receive from the defendants five per cent of the gross receipts on passenger and freight traffic.

Business Sold
In breach of the contract, the defendants, in or about May 1947, sold their business and ceased to employ the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs say that it was a term of the contract that the defendants would carry on air transport services between Manila and Hong Kong throughout the whole of 1947. The defendants operated only one flight in Jan., 1947 and none thereafter.

The plaintiffs therefore claimed \$187,972.00 damages for breach of contract.

While admitting that they employed the plaintiffs as their sole agents in Hong Kong, the defendants, in a statement of defence which they had filed, denied that the contract was dated Jan. 1, 1947. They claimed that the contract was dated Aug. 28, 1946.

Defendants denied that they were in breach of their contract with the plaintiffs, or that they sold their business, they admitted that they ceased to carry on their business in Hong Kong and that they ceased to employ the plaintiffs.

Force Majeure
Although the plaintiffs were to be their agents, the defendants claimed that they were prevented from carrying on their business and from employing the plaintiffs through no fault of their own, but by force majeure or restraint of princes, namely, an order by the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. By this order, dated Jan. 14, 1947, the defendant's planes were grounded and the defendants forbidden to maintain their international services and to continue with their air line between Manila and Hong Kong.

Defendants also claimed that the contract was, subject to an implied term that it was to be terminated if and when the defendants were prevented, by unforeseen circumstances or by force majeure or restraint of princes, from operating their air

business. In this respect, they were prevented.

The defendants denied that the contract was subject to an implied term that they would carry on an air transport service between Manila and Hong Kong throughout the whole of the year 1947 or for any specific length of time.

In reply to this statement by the defendants, the plaintiffs claimed that the controlling interest of the defendants was sold to Philippine Air Lines and as a result, it was agreed between the defendants and Philippine Air Lines, that the defendants would not re-enter the air transport business for ten years.

Denial
The plaintiffs also denied that the defendant's planes were grounded through no fault of their own. Plaintiffs claimed that the planes were grounded because of a report made to the competent authority that the defendants were operating their air line otherwise than in accordance with Regulations.

Mr. Sheldon dealt with the different points in issue and quoted numerous authorities to support his contentions, after which he called Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Air Services.

Mr. Moss was shown a typed statement containing a record of passengers and freight traveling on and from Hong Kong between Sept. 1946 and Dec. 1947, on all air lines operating in Hong Kong. Mr. Moss said that there was an obvious increase in air traffic in and out of Hong Kong and that the increase was still continuing.

Mr. Carlos Arnulphy, Managing Director of the plaintiff, was also called and on conclusion of his testimony, Mr. Justice Williams intimated that he would reserve judgment until 10 a.m. today, as he would like to have an opportunity of going into the figures submitted to the Court.

Barbers Got To Blows
An argument over their respective duty led to blows and eventually the appearance of two barbers before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, one of them charged with common assault.

Cheung Sze, 23, employed at the Mongkok Barber Shop, Reclamation Street, was remanded for two days in police custody.

A barber reported to Police last Monday that he was assaulted by a fellow-worker and detained in hospital.

Police inquiries revealed that Cheung, detained as a cutter for female patrons, refused to allow complaint, a "male cutter," to attend to the latter's aunt. Following the argument, defendant was alleged to have hit the complainant with his fist on the collar bone. Both were sent to hospital.

Mr. Ma Man Fai and Mr. Q. T. Yip are to be guests at the meeting of Toc H this evening when they will speak and answer questions on Chinese Festivals and Customs. Toc H meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 and the members cordially invite anyone interested to attend.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Rangoon on account of smallpox.

Colonial Cooperation

London, Feb. 12.
British and French Government representatives will meet in Paris on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of closer economic cooperation in the colonies of the two countries.

Among the subjects to be discussed are improvements in communications between neighbouring French and British territories, the possibilities of more inter-colonial trade and the co-ordination of development planning—Reuter.

Service For Soul Of Gandhi

Proceeding a Memorial Service to be held at the Sikh Temple for the repose of the soul of Mahatma Gandhi on Sunday, a continuous recitation of the Holy Book (Akhand Path) will start at the Sikh Temple, Gap Road, today.

Distribution of free meals to all visitors to the Sikh Temple will commence at 12 noon.

"Battle Of Britain" Week
Battle of Britain Week will be observed in 1948 as in previous years, and the date will be Sept. 13 to 19.

In accordance with the decision of the Air Council in 1946, Battle of Britain Day is fixed on Sept. 16, and this year the R.A.F. "At Home" day will fall on Sept. 18. Battle of Britain Sunday will be Sept. 19.

DRUG DIVAN KEEPER FINED
Two heroin divan keepers were heavily fined and sentenced by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday.

Li Ying, 45, of No. 203 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for keeping a heroin divan, possessing heroin pipes, and possessing heroin pills.

Chan Ho of No. 25 Hoi Pa Village was fined altogether \$2,500 on two counts and cautioned for possession of opium. He was charged with keeping an opium divan and a heroin divan.

Charged with having had carnal knowledge of a woman living in the same premises, Chan Cheung, 28-year-old shop assistant, of No. 173, Pei Ho Street ground floor, was remanded by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday to Saturday, Feb. 14.

COSGRAVE TRIAL OPENS IN HOBART
The prosecution opened its case today against Mr. Robert Cosgrave, who was indicted while still Prime Minister of Tasmania on charges of bribery, corruption and conspiracy.

Mr. Cosgrave, believed to be the first man in the history of the British Empire to be indicted while still head of a State entered a plea yesterday of not guilty to all the six charges against him of receiving sums totalling £5,400 from transport operators as bribes on the understanding that the States Transport Commission would not acquire or interfere with their businesses.

The Crown Solicitor told the Hobart Court today the alleged offences were the gravest imaginable. The jury must not allow themselves to be influenced by the fact that Mr. Cosgrave had held high office.

The chief Crown witness, Mr. James Sullivan, said the Transport Commissioner told him in 1944 of the proposal to take over the road services.

He saw Mr. Cosgrave, who said the Commissioner would do as he was directed.

"I told Mr. Cosgrave," added Mr. Sullivan, "that the road operators had been good Government supporters. He asked if they had subscribed to the party funds and suggested that if they made a donation, he did not think they would be interfered with."

Athletic Association Was A Triad

Three tricycle drivers appeared at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday—two in the dock with the third in the witness box, as complainant.

Charged with demanding money with menaces and using threats to induce a person to join a triad society, 30-year-old Ng Ki was sentenced to eight months and Chan Hor, 28, fined \$100 or six weeks.

DSI Downman said that Chan Ying, 26, tricycle driver, met the two defendants with two other men, not in custody, outside the Chung Heung Tea House, where Ng allegedly demanded \$30 and forced him to join the "Sam Loong Athletic Association." Chan Ying was told to pay \$15 first and the rest two days later. Complaint was reported to Police and was given a marked \$10 note.

Chan gave the note to Ng, who was arrested.

Chan said that he did not know anything about the matter. He had gambled with the complainant who lost \$1 on credit. After Ying's persistent refusal to pay, they quarrelled. He was in the tea house but he had no knowledge of any demand or threat.

Ng said that he was not connected with the matter. The other two were the real members of the society and since he was the unlucky fellow to be arrested he suppose he had to "Yes" on their behalf. Defendant, saying that he knew he had done wrong in accepting money, pleaded for leniency. He pleaded guilty to demanding money with menaces.

CRACKERS FIRED, 24 MEN FINED
A fine of \$20 each was imposed on 24 defendants at Central Magistrate's yesterday by Mr. J. G. Conklin for firing crackers to the danger of the public. All defendants pleaded guilty.

Two other defendants appeared before Mr. d'Almeida and were fined \$10 for the same offence. Another two and their bail of \$25 estreated when they failed to appear.

Took A Car
A fine of \$150 with the option of a month's hard labour was imposed on Lai Chi Fai, 26, by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistrate's yesterday for taking away a private motor car of the Hong Kong Electric without the consent of the owner.

Inspector Eggleston said defendant took the car from Dowell's garage without permission.

Leaving by P.A.A. Clipper "Polynesia" were A. D. Anderson, L. Azrak, L. Staines and Miss Barbara St. John (for Shanghai), and R. E. Slater (for Okinawa).

Tried To Keep New Year Resolution

"I was trying to make some money to begin the new year well and not as a destitute," said Wong Chi, 32, hawker, at Central Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. J. G. Conklin on a charge of operating a dice game.

Defendant was fined \$75 with the option of two weeks hard labour. The \$5 seized by the police in the raid was given to the Poor Box.

Three other men had similar ideas until the police arrested them. Ng Ning was fined \$50 or ten days hard labour when he pleaded "Guilty" to gambling with dice in the street.

Ho Fat was fined \$50 or ten days for gambling with dice in the street. (Ko Kong, who failed to appear, had his bail of \$25 was estreated and the \$35.16 seized placed in the Poor Box.

Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

HKPR ORDERS

Hong Kong Police Reserve Orders No. 3 of 1948.
Uniforms and Equipment. New Winter Uniforms will be issued to members of the H.K.P.R. Members of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies have been ordered to report at the Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8, 1948 at 2.30 p.m. to be measured by the Government Tailor. Those who failed to report on the former dates are hereby ordered to report at the Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15, 1948 at 2.30 p.m. to get measured for their uniforms. Members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies will also report at the Headquarters on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15, 1948 at 2.30 p.m. in order to be measured for their uniforms. All N.C.O.s from Lan-choo-choo to Chief Inspectors will also be measured during the above mentioned dates.

Charge Room Lectures. Members of No. 3 Company detailed by their Company Commander will parade at the Headquarters on Thursday, Feb. 12, 1948 at 6.45 p.m. to attend this lecture given by S.I. Shaw. Members of No. 1 Company detailed by their Company Commander will parade on Thursday, Feb. 17, 1948 at 6.45 p.m. for the same lecture. Members of No. 2 Company detailed by their Company Commander will parade on Thursday, Feb. 19, 1948 at 6.45 p.m. as ordered.

Lecture For N.C.O.s. All N.C.O.s from the O.C. Police Training School—Mr. J. I. Mackenzie, A.S.P. All N.C.O.s are hereby ordered to attend this lecture without fail.

H.K.P.R. Memorial Booklet. The Police Reserve War Memorial Booklet is now ready for distribution. Members are requested to apply to the Officer-in-Charge of their respective Company for a copy of same. This Booklet is Free of Charge and Members wanting more copies of this booklet are requested to apply to C.I.(R) via Chi On for same.

Part II Training. Members of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies as detailed by their Company Commanders are hereby ordered to attend lectures in Police Regulations every Monday and Thursday at the Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. under S.I.(R) Chan Yung Fan.

By Order,
(Sd.) N. G. Ralph,
Adjutant, P.R.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Rids, C.B.E., Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps. Order No. 6/48 dated Feb. 12, 1948.
Winter Lectures. All Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants, H.K.V.D.C. are notified that the sixth in the series of winter lectures will take place at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1948. The lecturer will be Wing Commander J. W. C. Simpson, D.F.C., R.A.F., of the Air Staff, Air Headquarters Hong Kong. He will be lecturing on "Experience in the Battle of Britain."

Fleet Exercises. 1. Ships of the British Pacific Fleet will carry out tactical exercises on Feb. 23 and 24, 1948. A limited amount of accommodation is available for Officers and O.R.s who may like to attend. 2. Any Volunteer who would like to attend this exercise will submit his name to the Adjutant—not later than 1200 hrs. 16.2.48.

Part 2 Order. Order No. 6/48. Strength-Decrease. 4995 Gnr. van Walrew, E. 1st Battery, w.o.f. 12.2.48. Arrival. 2287 Pte. Broadbridge, S.A., arrived in Hong Kong 17.1.47. (Sd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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7.15 p.m.—Studio: "You Asked For It" Variety Review Programme presented by Lynn Fraser.
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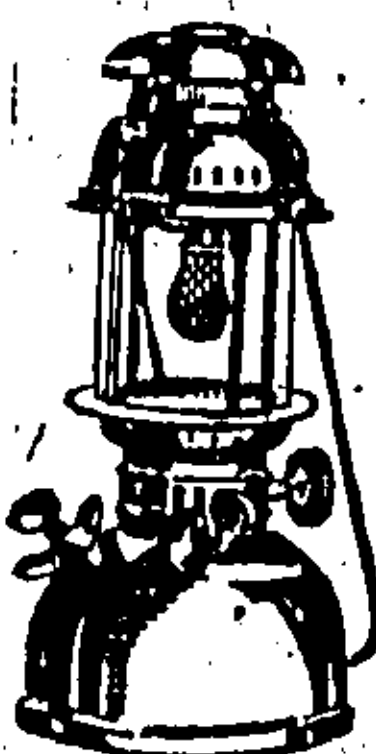
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OBITUARY

WOOD. On the 11th February 1948 killed in armed robbery on Kowloon Hills. Lytton Bevis Wood, of Hampton, Md., England, aged 44, Director of Dawson & Co. Ltd., Canton & Hong Kong.

The Funeral Service will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, the 13th February at 4.30 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall assisted by the Dean, (Flowers to the Colonial Cemetery).

HIKING TRAGEDY

The murder by gangsters of Mr. L. B. Wood while hiking in the Kowloon range on Wednesday demands an all-out effort by the police to run the perpetrators to earth.

Apart from the fact that this was a heinous crime which cries out for retribution, we shall have reached a pretty parlous state if the hills of Kowloon and the New Territories are to be denied to the scores of people who gain pleasure from exploring these rewarding areas, and gain wholesome exercise during the winter months, for fear of running into armed marauders.

Most persons, sitting in the comfort of an armchair, will question the wisdom of offering resistance should a challenge of the kind which confronted Mr. Wood and Mr. Ross develop, but that misses the main point. It is, perhaps, too much to expect the police to have patrols out in the wide expanse of the New Territories for the protection of hikers, but a tragic affair of this kind should compel a special effort not merely to capture the ruffians responsible, but to enable the considerable numbers of hikers, to proceed abroad with confidence.

The particular area in which Wednesday's attack occurred is a favourite walk for those who are content with a two to two and a half hour excursion on a Sunday afternoon. If this and other popular walks are no longer to be considered safe against molestation, it will, for the community, be a serious loss.

The New Malaya

The new federal constitution of Malaya applies two important principles to the task of encouraging racial groups to work together. The first is the establishment of a strong central Government, with control over matters essential for the general progress of Malaya; the second is the introduction of a common citizenship open to all who regard Malaya as the object of their loyalty. The acceptance of both principles by the bulk of the Malay community has represented a considerable sacrifice by them on behalf of the well-being of the country, and could not have taken place without the conciliatory and constructive statesmanship of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald. His efforts have been assisted by the British decision to treat Malaya itself, where the Malays have an absolute majority, as one unit, and Singapore, with its huge Chinese population, as another. This decision has been much criticized especially by the Chinese of Singapore. It is unpopular in certain British commercial circles. But it has unquestionably assisted in overcoming the initial distrust of the Malays for the centralization essential to relieve Malaya from the hotch-pot of different authorities which threatened to make progress impossible. When the new constitutions of Malaya and Singapore are fairly launched, there is nothing to prevent the respective legislatures, and local authorities from recommending the inclusion of Singapore in the Federation of Malaya.

The British Government's original proposals for a federal

ROAD TO ADVANCE IN CHINA

By Marshal Li Tsung-Jen

Politically three steps have to be taken for the betterment of the Chinese government. They are to increase its efficiency, eliminate its corruption and broaden its foundation.

To achieve the first end the foremost thing to do is to simplify the administrative structure, for only then will less red tape be gone through and action expedited. The co-ordination and co-operation among various government branches must be encouraged. Once intellectual and material resources are pulled together for use by all with one single aim in view, no fear of friction and frustration need be entertained. When a clear-cut demarcation of duties and powers is made, each branch of the government will know what is expected of it, and then wasteful duplication and the shirking of responsibilities will be eradicated.

Favouritism

Still no efficiency of a government is allowed to exist; and the most effective way of eliminating this is to do away with personal favouritism. Severe punishment, if meted out to the offenders, will also help remove the common public curse.

But the positive way of dealing

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

CHOLERA PREVENTIVE. "Sir James Murray's Fluid Camphor."

The prevalence of this fatal epidemic in almost every part of the world, renders the following communication of the greatest importance at this critical moment, it being from one of the most eminent medical men in Scotland, alluding to a letter from Lord Ponsonby, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, to his brother the Bishop of Derry—who states that "to his own knowledge, Dissolved Camphor proved to be a certain cure for Cholera both at Paris and in Germany; and if taken in time, the cure is generally effected before it is possible to procure a Physician—that is, in less than an hour."

"I think it a solemn duty to confirm this Nobleman's letter. I found Sir James Murray's Fluid Camphor by far the most effective preparation; a wineglassful, every five minutes, produced warmth, perspiration, and a manifold decrease of sickness and of cramps, with rapid revival of spirits and circulation."

"As a preventive I have supplied this Fluid very extensively to the poor—and with marked advantages in restoring and preserving good digestion and nervous energy, essential guards against Cholera. I am, your obedient servant, J. T. DUNCAN, MD."

The above valuable preparation can be produced from the sole consignee, Mr. William Bailey, of North street, Wolverhampton, and all wholesale and retail Druggists and Medical Agents throughout the British Empire. Agents at Trieste, Alexandria, Suez, Malta, Cairo, Bombay, Ceylon, Singapore, Calcutta, Madras and Hong Kong.

(On the improvement of China's existing conditions, General Li Tsung-Jen, one of the six leading four-star Generals of China ranking next only to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and recipient of several decorations of high order from the United States, Britain and France, has his personal view to express as follows.)

with this is to cultivate honesty and loyal service by raising the pay of government functionaries at least to such a level as to sustain the living of themselves and their dependents, for a person is conscious of honor or disgrace only when he is well fed and warmly clad.

An efficient and honest government is as urgently required by this country as a government whose foundation is broadened, irrespective of their party affiliations, a greater number of qualified and talented men or women of good character must be admitted into the government service.

Meanwhile the people must be educated politically so that they may be able to exercise wisely the rights vested upon them by the new Constitution. Emphasis should also be laid on guaranteeing to the people their freedom of speech, press, association and academic research.

Besides political improvement China's economic problems call for early solution. During the war years and those immediately following, China has been suffering acutely from a vicious inflation and heavy deficit. Efforts should, therefore, be concentrated upon the stabilization of currency and the balance of the budget. Negatively an end must be put to the unnecessary expenditures of the government, and on the part of the people frugality and thrift must be practised.

Positive Action

Such negative measures must be supplemented by positive action. Effective plans have to be devised to augment revenue by increasing both industrial and agricultural production.

If it is difficult to adopt actions in the former direction because it involves greater financial and technical resources unavailable in the present circumstances, there is less reason why agricultural production should not be immediately increased.

When China's own financial and economic situation improves and when she proves worthy of foreign help, it can be expected that such aid will be forthcoming. As it is, China welcomes American help; but she must go ahead with her own salvation, as if no help were available from abroad.

The Chinese people are always glad to receive "friends from afar." Diplomatically our traditional policy is to maintain good relationship with neighbors. In the case of the United States, China aims at strengthening the

traditional friendship and hopes to forge a closer link.

With the Soviet Union we are desirous of improving our relations as a matter of practical necessity. Because of our geographical proximity problems are bound to arise. Since we know they cannot be solved through any channel other than peace, we propose to exert more efforts for their amicable solution.

Relations With Britain

As China's commercial relation with Britain is the longest, having extended for over two hundred years and reached enormous proportions, we are looking forward to its early revival both in volume and kind. And the trade, we hope, will again prove to be mutually profitable.

It is a great regret that China should remain suffering from the necessity of waging a war in suppression of an armed rebellion. Hope for peaceful settlement was shattered to pieces and we have been compelled to resort to arms. It follows that China's military machine must, all the more be trained not only to cope with the situation but to effect its early and successful conclusion.

Here two principles must be adhered to: the strict enforcement of discipline and the elevation of the morale of the soldiers on the one hand, and the adequate supply of material subsistence and modern equipment on the other. The rank and file should be well armed both physically as well as spiritually.

To ensure good discipline a fair and just system of punishment and promotion has to be instituted under the supervision of good commanding officers. Meanwhile no soldiers can fight to the best of their abilities if they are not convinced of the cause for which they may have to lay down their lives. In addition they should have sufficient pay, enough food and adequate equipment. These are prerequisites to a good army.

Finally there is the necessity of enforcing Article 130 of the new Constitution which says "The army, navy and air forces of the entire nation shall place themselves above all personal, regional or party affiliations, shall be loyal to the state and shall protect the people."

LONDON KNOWS NOTHING

London, Feb. 11. Nothing whatever is known here of any Soviet proposal for a new Big Four meeting, it was stated by a Foreign Office spokesman today.

He was commenting on a report in a London evening paper today that Russia had taken the initiative towards a four-power conference to discuss the Austria peace treaty, the future of the Italian colonies, and the machinery for the Far Eastern peace treaty, by proposing a meeting next May in London or Paris.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

2 AND 1 EQUAL 1 AND 2

Loving two tricks in one suit and one in another adds up to exactly the same total as one in the first suit and two in the second. It should be as plain as two and two make four or as slicing baloney leaves it still baloney, no matter how thin the slices. But there are many occasions on which the lazy player does not look around and find a way to apply that simple principle while protecting himself against the possibility of dropping still another trick.

S. K. Q 10 8
H. A 6 5 3
D. A 9 5 3
C. K J
S. J 7 4
H. K Q 10 7
D. None
C. Q 10 7 6
S. A 9 6 5 2
H. 8 5 4
D. 8 4
C. A 8 4

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)
West North East South
Pass 3 H Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S Pass 4 S

North and South were using the best convention that has yet been devised for protection against the weak suit bids of three now being made by fine players as a barrier to impede their opponents. In this convention, a bid of the suit ranking immediately above the three-bid, has the meaning of an informative or take-no-double, saying nothing about how many cards are in the suit. That frees the double for use in its natural meaning for business also leaves a No-Trump available; to mean you want to play for a game in that contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 8 5
H. A K Q J 4
D. A K Q J 4
C. A 9 6 3
S. A K 10
H. 7
D. J 10 8
C. J 10 7
S. 6 3
H. 9 2
D. J 4
C. K Q J 8 5 4 2

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)
West North East South
Pass 3 H Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S Pass 4 S

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Now don't go jumping to conclusions, Albert! It's just that papa sometimes has a little trouble getting out in the evening!"

Superstition And Tradition

By Margaret Bradbury

The Chinese New Year holidays, which Hong Kong's native population has just celebrated joyfully, have been accompanied in traditional fashion by numerous religious and customary rites practised in China on this occasion for many hundreds of years.

Among them are the sacrificing of gifts to mythical gods for past and future favours, the worshiping of ancestors, and the burning of joss paper as offerings. This act is based on the belief that the joss when burnt will rise into the other world and await its owner, to be then claimed and used as money. It is thought that the amount of joss burnt by any member of the Chinese community will determine the amount of money he will have to spend when he is dead. Sometimes the joss takes the form of paper clothing with the idea that this will also be waiting for its owner in heaven. At this time of the year many Chinese shops do a good trade selling packages of paper clothing ready made-up into complete outfits to be bought and used for this purpose.

Another interesting rite which is performed universally by the Chinese in New Year, is the worshiping of the Kitchen God. Known as "Tso Kwan," he is a very influential person and is worshipped by every Chinese household any time after four o'clock in the afternoon of New Year's Eve. Joss is burnt to him and crackers are fired in his honour. In each dwelling a small space is set aside where offerings are made to him.

Sweetened Lips

These often include honey, the idea being that when "Tso Kwan" visits the other world that same evening to make his annual report, his lips will be sweetened and capable of speaking only sugared words about the various households where he has been feasted.

No Chinese celebration is complete without the firecracker. At New Year's Eve, strings of fire crackers are responsible for keeping away all evil spirits with their loud explosions. Judging by the noise they make, this seems to be a very sound conjecture. The prosperity of a family is also judged by the size of its strings of firecrackers. The richer a household, the larger they must be or face will be lost by the head of the family.

To any European stranger in Hong Kong the family ceremonies which take place in Chinese homes at the New Year seem strange indeed. But in actual fact several of the old English customs which are attached to the "seeing in" of the New Year, are equally strange and have their origin in ancient rooted superstitions. In the North of England and Scotland up to the present day, one of the most popular customs commonly practised is "first footing" on New Year's Eve. The first person who enters the house after midnight is called the "first foot" and is believed to be a herald of good fortune. In Lancashire this person must be a dark complexioned man, otherwise it is believed that bad luck will fall on the household during the year. In some other parts of England, however, a light complexioned man is considered a more favourable bringer of good fortune.

Durham Tradition

The person who is chosen for this duty in Durham is bound by custom to bring in a piece of coal, a piece of iron, and a bottle of whisky. To each man of the company, he gives a glass, and to each woman a kiss. The presentation of New Year and Christmas cards, and of other more expensive gifts to friends at this season is universally practised, and is as old as the time of the Romans. Crackers were not then invented in Europe but we still have our mittens which can claim a very respectable antiquity. The English and Roman Church endeavoured to overthrow many old customs on account of the

superstitions connected with them, and New Year's gifts were objected to because they were originally offered as omens of success for the coming year.

In England, a midnight service is now the most usual manner of ushering in the New Year, but at Oldham in Lancashire, the "wassail," or singing merrymakers, still come round with their bunches of evergreens hung with oranges and apples and coloured ribbons, and sing carols. In the Isle of Man the old custom called the "Quashagh" is still partially observed. In almost every district a party of young men go from house to house singing a rhyme in the Manx language. When these lines are repeated at the threshold of any home the party are invited into the house and the one who enters first is called the "Quashagh" or "first foot" as in the northern parts of England. As in Banffshire, the housewives in many of the upland cottages on the island, before going to bed, spread the ashes smoothly on the hearth and if in the morning the print of a foot can be detected with the toe pointing towards the door, they believe there will be a death in the family during the year.

Young Man's Dating

At Halderness, Yorkshire, all young men in the area gather together at midnight on New Year's Eve and after blackening their faces and disguising themselves, they pass through the villages each carrying a piece of chalk. With this they mark the gates, doors, windows and vehicles in the streets with the date of the New Year. It is considered lucky in that part of the county to have one's house dated, and no attempt is made to prevent the markers from carrying out wholesale chalking.

In ancient days the "wassail bowl," a dish of spiced ale, was carried round from house to house in many parts of England by the women who sang songs and wished everyone a "Happy New Year." In fact singing and carolling was heard all over the land, from mansion to cottage and monastery. The loving cup at our civic feasts and the grace cup at our college celebrations, are the sole relics of this ancient tradition.

R.A.F. Anson Crash

Hendon, Feb. 12. Two airmen were killed and four civilians injured today when a Royal Air Force Anson aircraft, believed to be coming in to land at the Hendon R.A.F. Station, crashed at Montrose Park.

According to eye-witnesses, the plane struck a scaffolding on a new block of flats, plunged onto a trolley bus and careered across into a factory wall.

It came to rest lying upslope down with one wing and engine completely smashed and its tail embedded in the roof of a car. The Anson narrowly missed cashing into Hendon's biggest civic restaurant, which was crowded at the time.—Reuter.

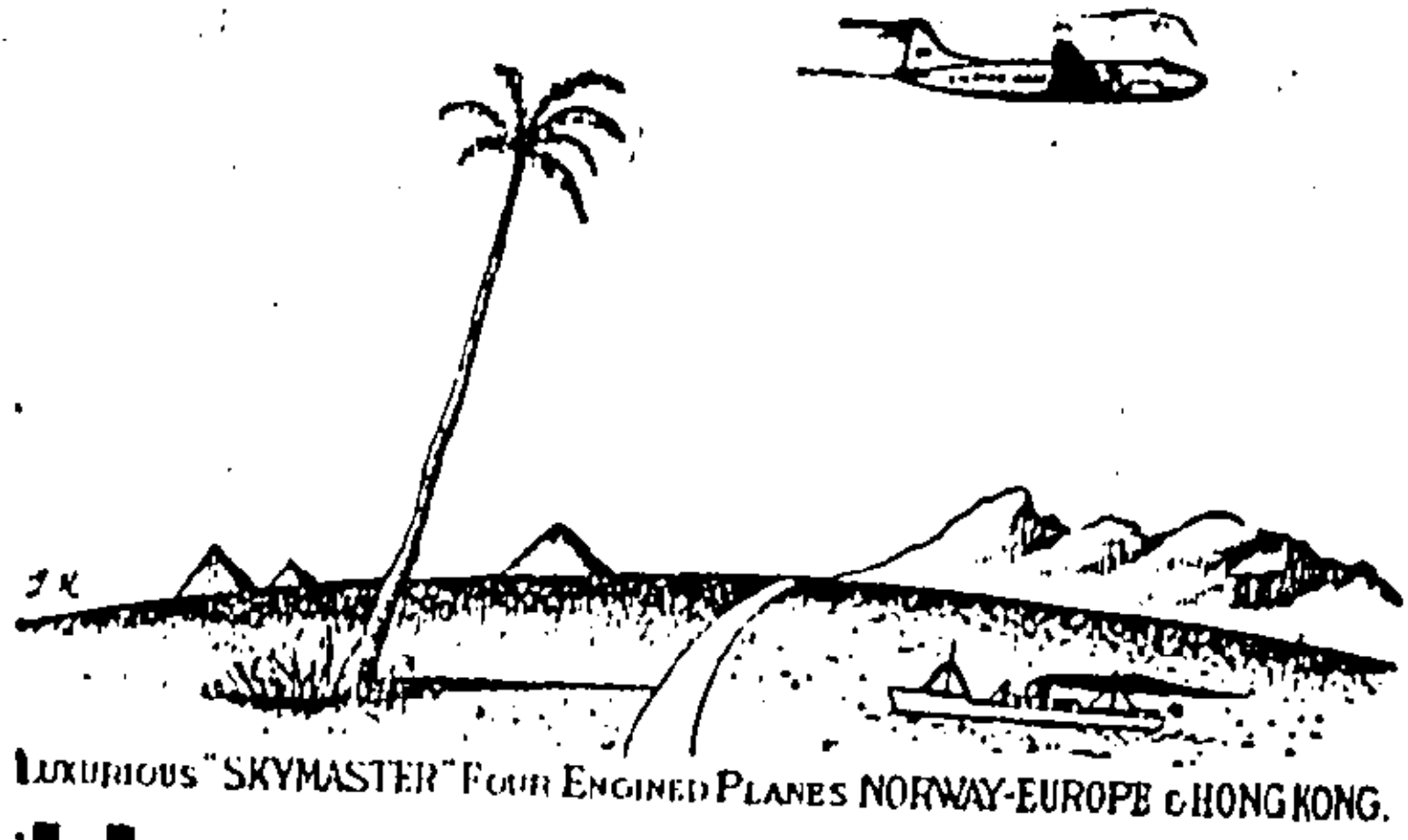
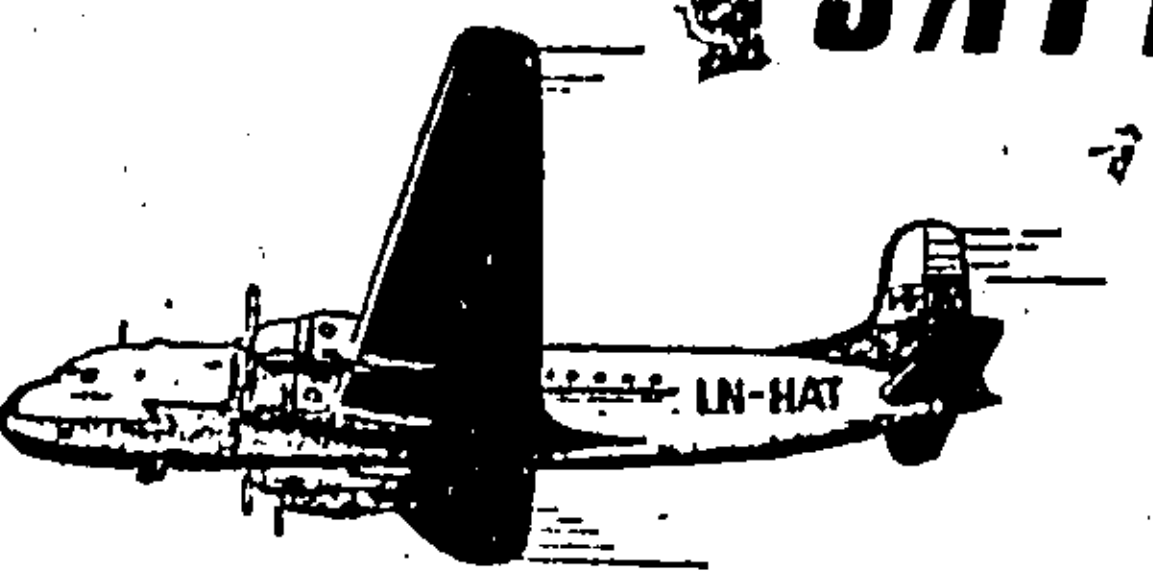
COOKED AND ATE HIS SISTER

Frankfurt, Feb. 12. Bernhard Oehme, a 65-year-old German from Chemnitz, in the Soviet Zone, has admitted to killing, cooking, and eating his 20-year-old sister, Maria Oehme. Chemnitz police alleged, according to the German news service, DENA.—Reuter

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BELGRADE ON THE RAMPAGE

United States Sowing Seeds Of War

Marshall Plan "Imperialistic"

Belgrade, Feb. 12. Marshal Josef Tito, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, today accused America of "sowing the seeds of war" and of being the "greatest enemy of peace" but said: "There will be no war because the people do not want war. It is a war of nerves."

He also announced the Marshall Plan as a scheme to save American financiers and attacked European Right-wing Socialist leaders as "valets" of American capitalists.

Bao Dai's Talks In Paris

Paris, Feb. 11. Negotiations between ex-Emperor Bao Dai, who saw the Premier, M. Robert Schuman, on Monday, and the Government have "progressed to the satisfaction of both sides and have reached a decisive point," a member of the ex-Emperor's suite told Reuters last night.

The spokesman said that Bao Dai would meet the High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, to discuss the future of Indo-China "very shortly," but not necessarily on the date already announced—they were to have met on Friday in Indo-China.

Government circles tonight would make no comment on the ex-Emperor's plans, but it was pointed out that a mere postponement of the Bao Dai-Bollaert interview did not necessarily imply any sudden hitch in what were described as "invariably delicate and involved negotiations."

In Indo-Chinese circles in Paris, it was felt that Bao Dai might well be waiting for a calmer atmosphere in Indo-China where the feeling is reported to have been inflamed by the arrests last week of Tran Ngue Danh, head of the Viet Nam delegation in Paris, and other Viet Namese living in France.

Bao Dai is expected to leave Paris tonight for Cannes, in the South of France.—Reuters.

C.S.C.A.'s Green Light

LONDON, FEB. 12. LEADERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CLERICAL ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTING 150,000 WORKERS IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, DECIDED TONIGHT TO PROCEED WITH THEIR WAGE CLAIMS IN SPITE OF GOVERNMENT APPEALS THAT SUCH DEMANDS SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED.

The decision was reached by the General Purposes Committee of the Association, meeting in London.

Another 100,000 civil servants, organised in smaller unions, are likely to fall in line. Last week's Government statement made clear that the Government itself would not consider giving general wage increases and would only grant rises in relation to increased production.

The Civil Service Clerical Association has an influential Communist element.—Reuters.

Military Aid For Greece

Washington, Feb. 11. Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today that the State Department was giving final consideration to the granting of funds to aid the armed forces of Greece and Turkey.

Mr. Marshall declined to comment on press reports from Istanbul that Turkey would get \$125,000,000 more mainly to build up her Air Force.

He said the needs of the two Mediterranean nations were being examined on the basis of recommendations by members of the American military missions in Athens and Ankara but until this process was completed, no aid figures would be announced.—Reuters.

Marshall Tito was addressing Yugoslav "shock workers" in Belgrade.

"Reaction in our country is weak," he declared, "but abroad it is unfortunately strong enough. Foreign reaction tries to demoralise us by psychological warfare and thus hamper our reconstruction work but they will not succeed."

Turning to the United States, Marshal Tito declared: "Who has come first within the orbit for other countries—us or the Americans with their warships? The reply is clear. We have not provoked them."

"Who is setting up bases in Africa? Not we but American reaction."

"Today, when the war is finished and there are no more Germans down there, they create their bases."

"Who is setting up bases in Greece? Not we."

"Who is buying territories in Spain and Portugal to establish bases? Not we but they."

He said that reports that Yugoslavia intended to attack Trieste and that she was meddling in Greece were "laughable calumnies."

"We shall no more attack Trieste than we are responsible for the situation in Greece where the people fight against their oppressors and the American occupiers," he said.

Marshal Tito said his ultimate aim was to save the Yugoslav "financial oligarchy" from an "imminent crisis."

"Imperialist"

"The Marshall Plan will not aid the people of France, Britain or any other country," he said. "This is an imperialist policy directed against the political and economic life of the various peoples of Europe and, therefore, highly industrialised countries like Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark, and even non-industrialised Turkey, are hesitating to accept the plan, fearing that their industries might be suffocated by the dollar influence."

Attacking the "Monarcho-Fascist provocation occurring daily on the Albanian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav frontiers," (a reference to Greece), Marshal Tito declared: "Our country is improving and is led by men who do not think of war, but I must emphasise they think also of reinforcing the offensive power of our country so that no provocative power could harm us."—Reuters.

Reparations Policy

Berlin, Feb. 11. The Soviet military administration in Germany has accepted the Socialist Unity Party proposals to fix reparations payments of the Eastern Zone to the Soviet Union and Poland and to decrease the occupation costs, Tagliche Rundschau, organ of the Soviet military administration, announced today.

The plan for reparations in 1948 fixed a quota not higher than that for 1947, the paper added.

The costs of the occupation would be lowered. The total production in the Eastern Zone is to be raised in 1948—that of industry, for example, by seven to 10 per cent, the paper declared.—Reuters.

Ready For War At Any Time

Washington, Feb. 11. Turkey is ready "to fight anybody at any time" to preserve her freedom, Major General Horace L. McBride, chief of the United States military mission to Turkey, said here today.

The general, who was called home for policy talks on the \$100,000,000 Turkish aid programme, said the Turks were not looking for anything outside their own border and would resist any move against them.

The State Department is now studying whether to ask Congress to vote further military help in addition to the assistance Turkey expected to get under the Marshall Plan.

General McBride said his mission would reach its full strength of about 260 men by April 1. It will then include 100 ground force officers and men, 100 from the Air Force, about 40 naval men and 20 experts on public roads construction.

He said a "big shipment" of military supplies and equipment was getting under way this month.

At the same time, the State Department denied a Moscow Radio report that the United States was arranging with Turkey to build a huge air base there.—Reuters.

REDS FIRE ON GERMANS

Hamburg, Feb. 11. A Russian soldier shot and killed a German police sergeant on the Vienenburg-Littenrode road yesterday on the British side of the British-Russian zonal frontier.

The Hamburg police reported that the Russian soldier, who they said, was five miles inside the frontier line, fired on a German police patrol which and told him and some other Russians with him that they were on British-occupied territory.—Reuters.

Regulation Of Profits

Paris, Feb. 11. Announcing a Government plan to regulate profits in France, M. Pierre Abelin, Secretary of State for the Premier's Office, said that retail prices would be stabilised at the level of Jan. 15, 1948.

The only exceptions permitted in the bill would be in cases where a merchant proved that costs had mounted to a corresponding degree.

M. Abelin declared the penalties proposed would include the temporary closing of offenders' premises, fines and imprisonment.

The Council of Ministers also approved a decree authorising the payment of three 5,000-franc notes to those whose total holdings were less than 70,000 francs when the notes were called in.

Holders of two of the high denomination notes have already been repaid.—Reuters.

Soviet Composers "Smell"

MOSCOW, FEB. 12. DIMITRI SHOSTAKOVITCH WHO WROTE HIS LENINGRAD SYMPHONY DURING THE SIEGE OF THE CITY AND SERGEI PROKOFIEV WHO WROTE "PETER AND THE WOLF" AND THE MUSIC BALLETS "CINDERELLA" AND "ROMEO AND JULIET," WERE NAMED IN A DECREE BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY CONDEMNING SOME OF THE SOVIET UNION'S LEADING COMPOSERS OF "FORMALIST" AND ANTI-POPULAR TENDENCIES.

The decree complained that they "distorted music into a cacophony of meaningless noises" and said: "This music strongly smells of the modernistic bourgeois music of Britain and America which reflects the degradation of bourgeois culture—the negation of musical art and its dead-end."

The decree, aimed at "reorienting" Soviet music, also criticised the composers Khachaturian, Shchedrin, Popov and Minkovskiy, and said the creative works of all the composers mentioned "provides the most graphic examples of formalistic perversions and anti-democratic tendencies alien to the Soviet people and its artistic taste."

The composers were accused of departing from the school of Russian classical composers whose music was "the best in the world." Their works have been widely played in the Soviet Union.—Reuters.

PERCIVAL DESPATCHES OUT THIS MONTH

London, Feb. 12. The long awaited war despatch of Lt-Gen. A. E. Percival on operations in the Malayan campaign of December, 1941, to February, 1942, is to be published on Feb. 26, the Minister of War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, announced today.

The Naval and Air Force despatches on that phase of the war will be published simultaneously, he said.

General Percival's 120,000-word despatch has been with the War Office for almost two years. Its publication having been several times postponed.

Repeated consultations have taken place between the Colonial Office and Dominion authorities directly interested. Certain passages, which it was felt, might provoke unnecessary criticism, were last year referred to Canberra.

General Percival himself expressed disappointment at the delay in publication.

In the House of Commons today, Mr. Shinwell said that, as far as he knew, the despatches would be published in full.

Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative, asked Mr. Shinwell: "Will you give your personal attention to the full account of this disastrous campaign in justice to the many

gallant men whose lives were lost in it and whose actions have not been fully appreciated?"

Mr. Shinwell replied: "When you see these despatches published, you will be able to form an opinion as to whether they are accurate or not."—Reuters.

The United States had protested to Russia and Hungary against what is termed the "abduction" of two American military attaches by Soviet troops in Hungary.

In a note sent to Moscow last Saturday, the State Department declared the Soviet troops' action was "an arbitrary and unjustified exercise of police power."

The two attaches, Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Thiele and Peter J. Kopcsak, were seized on Jan. 14, the note said, adding that they were taken across the frontier to Vienna and released there when the United States authorities protested.

The United States asked that "appropriate orders be issued to Soviet troops to ensure that Hungarian sovereignty be respected and that such incidents do not occur in the future."—Reuters.

Police reinforcements, had to be directed to the House of Commons tonight to turn out about 50 spinsters from the Central Lobby.

They had been demanding pensions at 55 instead of at 60 years of age.—Reuters.

STATE LOTTERY PROPOSAL

London, Feb. 12. The Cabinet is to consider a proposed £2,000,000,000 British International State Lottery. The sponsors claim that the Treasury would make a clear profit of £250,000,000 every year.—Reuters.

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FIRST RATE SHOWS

The film industry is going out of its way next week to give of its best for Hong Kong.

Even the most fastidious and discriminating of local film-fans will find the choice (where it is impossible to go to them all) likely to prove exceedingly difficult.

Here is a list of the principal offerings, all of which are being reviewed elsewhere in this page: "Sinbad the Sailor" will be shown at the Queen's; "The Road to Utopia" is a King's Theatre offering; "The Macomber Affair," from the Hemingway story will be showing at the Lee Theatre; and "San Antonio," an Errol Flynn film, is destined for the Central and Alhambra Theatres.

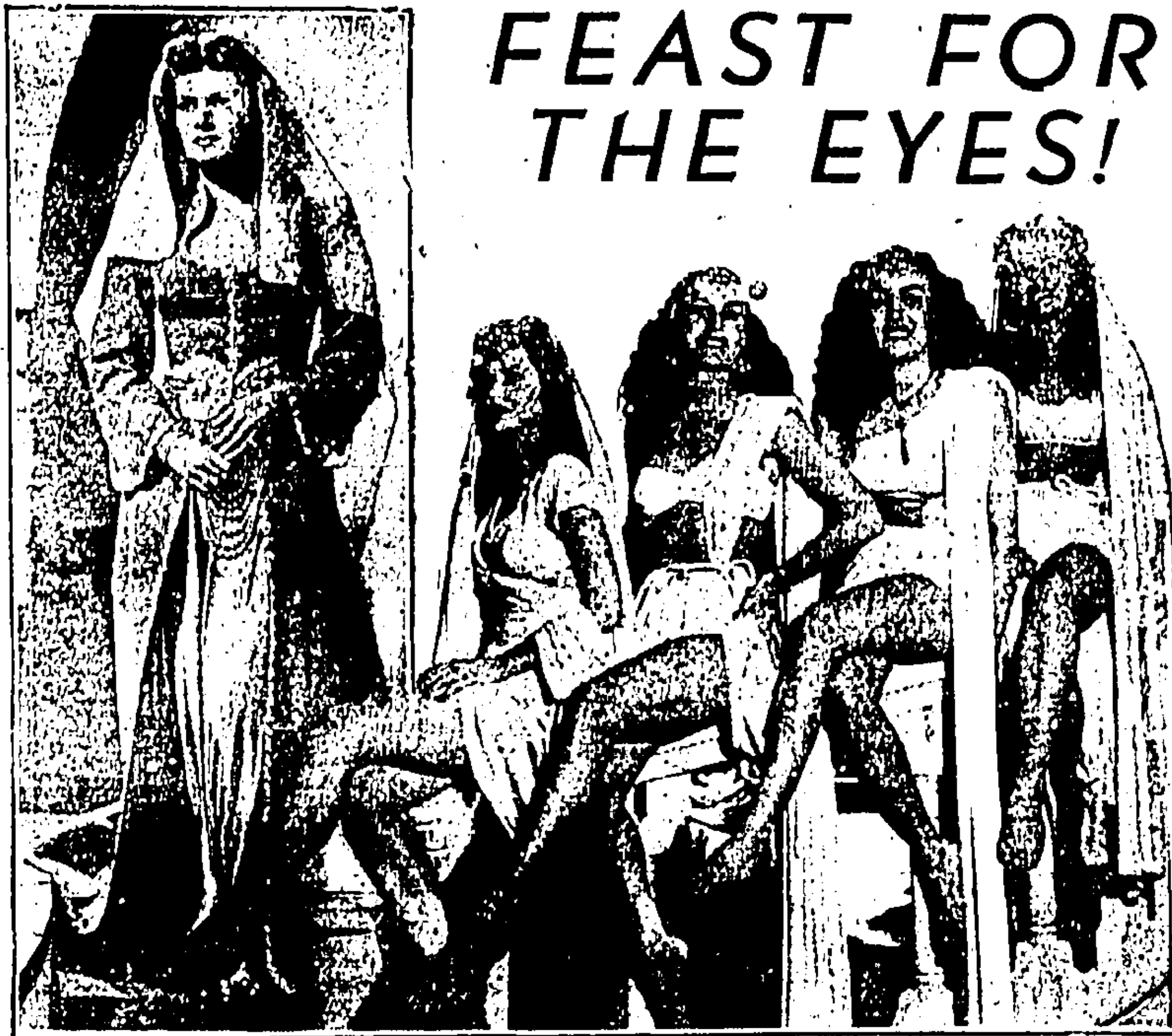
Two of them are in technical colour, and in all there is much to delight those who are as keenly interested in photography as they are in the story which the film endeavours to portray. It could easily be a long time before a more attractive selection offers.

Meantime, Leroy March, writing from Hollywood, gives away a secret to most film-fans when he discloses that in "Loves of Carmen," now in production, three members of the Casanova family will be seen at work. Most famous of the trio is Rita Hayworth—you knew Casanova was her real name, or didn't you?—and there's Rita's uncle, Jose Casanova, who does a dance routine, and also Rita's father, Eduardo, also in a dance number.

HOLLYWOOD HEARSAY: "Carmen" presents Victor Jory in a picture for the first time in five years. . . . while in England Bob Hope gave all his chances of clothes to those who so badly needed garments there. He arrived back in New York with just what he was wearing. . . . Jack O'Neil is gaining back those many, many pounds he lost. . . . Burgess Meredith off to England to star in "Laurence of Arabia" . . . Cesar Romero will star in a New York stage revival of "Strictly Dishonorable," the same role that made him famous 15 years ago. . . . Mexican Character Actor Chris-Pin Martin gets one of his best comedy opportunities in "Corkscrew Alley" . . . Frank Veloz, of Veloz and Yolanda, has written a new rhumba hit, "Calzon Drag" . . . Jackie Searl, that nasty little kid of pictures some 20 years ago, isn't nasty or a kid any more, but is still in pictures. Look for him in "Hazard" with Paulette Goddard . . . Frank Morgan having a new yacht built, and will try to win the Honolulu race again. . . . Max Factor, Jr. insists he'd make too many enemies if he named his choice for the most glamorous glamour girl in town, as I asked him to. . . . on a recent radio programme Al Jolson observed: "I have much to be thankful for—the food I eat, the clothes I wear, and Larry Parks."

Maureen O'Hara confides that if she doesn't have a youngster of her own within the next year, she will make up for this lack by adopting one.

CINEMA WORLD



FEAST FOR THE EYES!

These are the beautiful handmaidens and their winsome mistress of the Emir's harem, Maureen O'Hara, in "Sinbad the Sailor," opening next week at the Queen's Theatre.

"Her Husband's Affairs"

When a curious wife turns the private life of her genius husband into an hilarious public scandal, movie fans are the winners in the fun sweepstakes.

"Her Husband's Affairs" is the most rollicking and completely entertaining film in many a month, and opens at the King's Theatre on Tuesday. Lucille Ball and Franchot Tone play a husband and

wife team whose marriage is like a screaming toboggan—with splinters! Tone portrays a smooth, fast-talking advertising account executive; Lucille his "little woman," always ready to help him out of a pinch with a few genius ideas of her own.

Supporting the two stars are Edward Everett Horton, Mikhail Ruzhinsky and Gene Lockhart.

The film has Tone all excited about a "miracle" cream, invented by a delightfully mad friend of his, which will do away forever with the barbaric custom of shaving. With all newspapers covering the occasion, the cream is demonstrated before a huge gathering of prominent citizens, including the governor of the state, a popular movie star, forty policemen, etc.

The next morning, however, those who participated find they have longer beards than ever! From this point on, one hilarious sequence follows another with Tone being put on trial for a murder that never happened. But knowing that the victim is alive, Tone decides to use the trial to build up publicity for another creation, an ossified flower that will keep its fragrance forever. Rushing to his rescue, Lucille upsets the applicant by swearing Tone is insane, hoping that way to save his life!

"Her Husband's Affairs" was directed by S. Sylvan Simon for producer Raphael Bakim.

Council Of War



A scene from "San Antonio" which is coming to the Central and Alhambra. It shows a "council of war" between Florence Bates, S.Z. Sakall, Alexis Smith and Errol Flynn.

A Hemingway Story

"The Macomber Affair," a screen adaptation of one of Ernest Hemingway's most dramatic short-stories, opens at the Lee Theatre on Wednesday. Based on "The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber," which is regarded as one of the author's most compelling stories, this Benedict Bogues film contrasts seething emotions and violent hatred against the exciting background of a big game hunt in the heart of the African lion country.

Gregory Peck is cast as a lanky, intrepid hunter who can drop a buffalo at one hundred yards, but falls himself when lovely Joan Bennett draws a bead on him. Robert Preston shares co-starring honours.

The story deals with the wealthy, unhappily married Maccombers, Francis (Robert Preston) and his wife, Margaret (Joan Bennett). As a final attempt at reconciliation, Margaret agrees to accompany her husband to Nairobi, British East Africa, where Robert Wilson (Gregory Peck) the renowned professional hunter and guide, is engaged to lead the Maccomber safari through the jungle in search of game.

Margaret's suspicions of her husband's inherent cowardice are proven when Macomber turns and flees at his first encounter with the game. Macomber, already tortured by a sense of shame, is further taunted by his wife's sudden interest in the manly Wilson. The situation grows until it is finally culminated in a violent death.

The film of a Hemingway story is always an event. His "A Farewell to Arms," "For Whom the Bell Tolls," "To Have and Have Not," and "The Killers" all made unusually fine films. "The Macomber Affair," which was produced by Benedict Bogues and Casey Robinson, is the most recent of the Hemingway tales to reach the screen.

Another welcome event is a

A Madcap Film



This scene, as originally shot, was one of the most talked-of of the year, in the comedy "Her Husband's Affairs," which will be filmed at the King's next week. This shot shows the "genius" getting a bright idea at 5 o'clock in the morning.

film directed by Zoltan Korda, who directed "Macomber." Korda is famous as a master of the outdoor film, with such great spectacles to his credit as "Four Feathers," "The Thief Of Baghdad," and "Sanders of the River."

The supporting cast includes Reginald Denny and Jean Gillie from England.

Every studio in filmland has been negotiating via cable or agents for months now, trying to sign England's Vivien Leigh to come to Hollywood to do a picture, with no luck. Then producer William Perera of RKO got to wanting Vivien for "The Captain Was A Lady" to such a degree that he dropped all his work at the studio, and fled to London to try in person to persuade her. No report as to his success yet.

Errol Flynn

Warner Bros. drama, "San Antonio," in technicolor, opens at the Central and Alhambra Theatres next week, with a cast headed by Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith.

Briefly, the story is concerned with an era in Texas history when great nomadic cattle herds were being preyed upon by highly organized bands of night raiders.

As Clay Hardin, stubborn and embittered cattleman, Errol Flynn convincingly characterizes a man who has sworn to avenge an injustice to find himself hindered by his love for a beautiful woman. His performance bears the stamp of a player who not only understands his role but relishes it as well. Clay Hardin, in Flynn's hands, comes to life in the first reel of "San Antonio" and remains a life-like character throughout the film, it's a roughriding, fast-shooting role and just Errol Flynn's meat.

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On The "Road" Again

Three of screenland's most seasoned travellers cap their adventures with an hilarious trek up the "Road to Utopia," which is to open on Thursday next at the King's Theatre.

Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour hit the millen-

nium in laughs in this show which takes the trio into the gold-studded Yukon.

The object of their misadventures is a rich mine buried in the snow-capped Alaskan hills. It's Doty's inheritance, but two of the Yukon's shootin'est thugs are out to swipe, so Bob and Bing assure Lamour they'll bent them to the punch. The trip is made just a bit more difficult when the two boys mistake the ship's port-hole for a safe and throw their loot fare to the shark's fins. With their last dollar floating away, Bob and Bing have to start working their way northward.

While climatic conditions make it necessary for Doty to trade her jungle swag for a fur-lined parka, she nevertheless has ample opportunity to display the famed Lamour form in some slinky Edith Head creations. On one such occasion she gives forth with a little ditty titled, "Personality," lyrics by Johnny Burke and music by Jimmy Van Heusen. Bob and Bing also sing a tune-ful array of melodies.

Under the direction of Hal Walker, "Road to Utopia" moves along at a riotous pace.

A New Arabian Night Show

Swashbuckling adventures on land and sea, with plenty of romantic embellishment, are enacted in RKO Radio's lavish technicolor extravaganza, "Sinbad the Sailor," starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Maureen O'Hara and Walter Slezak, which opens at the Queen's next week.

Sinbad, the seafaring adventurer whose seven voyages are graphically described in The Arabian Nights, here undertakes an eighth voyage, every bit as exciting as those related by Scheherazade. The fabulous treasure of Alexander the Great is Sinbad's goal. The Emir of Dalbul also has designs on the treasure and proves to be a worthy foe of the intrepid adventurer. In the course of the Emir is Shireen, a beautiful adventuress, whose charms so completely intrigue Sinbad that he abducts her. The romance is anything but placid; in fact, it often flares into open violence.

However, she is happy enough to come into Sinbad's arms after he has sent the Emir and his men to a picturesque end and sails away with her into a gorgeous Oriental sunset.

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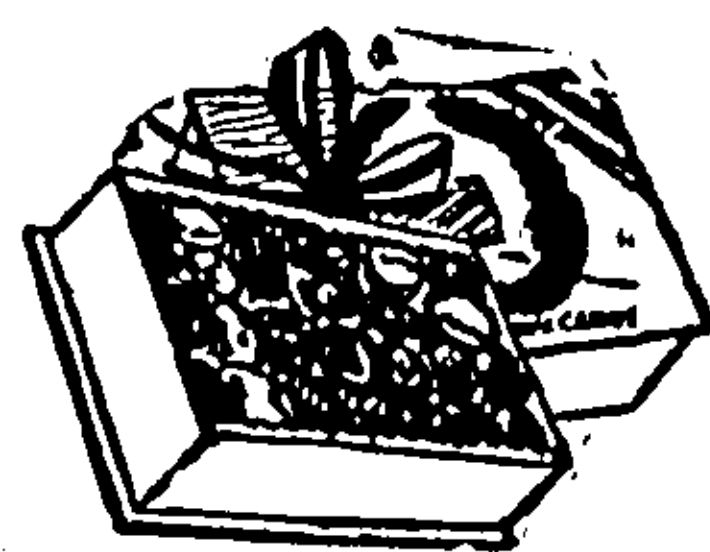
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PLAIN TALKING BY CRIPPS: "POSITION GETTING WORSE" Supreme Effort This Year

London, Feb. 11.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, tonight warned the nation in a statement to press correspondents that the gap between its overseas expenditure and its present earnings had reached "menacing proportions." Unless it was closed by the efforts of the British people, supported he hoped, by Marshall aid, essential supplies of food and raw materials would be cut off.

A few minutes earlier, the Government had disclosed that it spent £675 million more on imports last year than it earned from exports.

In 1947, Britain spent £2,105 million on imports but earned only £1,430 million for her exports, leaving a £675 million deficit.

Sir Stafford Cripps said: "A supreme effort must be made this year to remedy our external position."

"Abnormal world conditions render the task particularly difficult, but there is no alternative. We must tighten export and earn enough for our food and raw materials, or do without."

£500 Million Left

Sir Stafford Cripps indicated last Saturday that further deterioration this year was possible when he said: "The position is definitely worse than it was six months ago."

Today's Government statement disclosed that only £512 million in gold and dollars remained in Britain's central reserve at the end of 1947. This sum was due to be augmented by the remaining £75 million of the United States loan and by the South African gold loan of £80 million, plus whatever might be drawn from the Canadian loan and the International Monetary Fund.

But how far this sum would carry Britain was indicated by the disclosure that last year the drain on the reserve soared to £1,023 million in 1946.

The worsening of the balance of payments in 1947 was primarily in Britain's relations with the Western Hemisphere. She had a current account surplus with the sterling area of £30 million but a deficit with the Western Hemisphere of £680 million.

Facing Facts

Britain's imports in 1947 increased 14 per cent in volume, but 44 per cent in value, because of higher prices.

"We must face the fact that a greater effort on our part is needed to obtain the same amount of essential supplies," the Chancellor of the Exchequer commented.

The war had ended Britain's "invisible receipts" from investments and shipping services which paid for over a quarter of the British imports in 1938, he added.

UNRRA and advances to Far Eastern and other devastated

countries fell from £110 million to £62 million.

Warning

A high Government official emphasised that until the favourable balance with the Eastern Hemisphere (only £5 million in 1947) can not only be brought equal to the deficit with the Western Hemisphere (£680 million) but also made convertible into dollars, "we are far from achieving a solution of our balance of payment problem."

The payments off the sterling balances were wholly to sterling area countries, India being by far the biggest beneficiary.

Of the prospects of increased income from investments, Sir Stafford warned: "We cannot expect any improvement this year."—Reuter.

Sorry Record Of 1947

London, Feb. 10.

Britain's adverse balance of payments in 1947 was £675,000,000.

The gap between expenditure on imports and receipts for exports had widened thus far from £380 million in 1946 and £70 million in 1938.

Provisional figures for 1947, contained in a Government statement on balance of payments issued today, revealed that Britain's payments for 1947 totalled £2,105 million against receipts for £1,430 million.

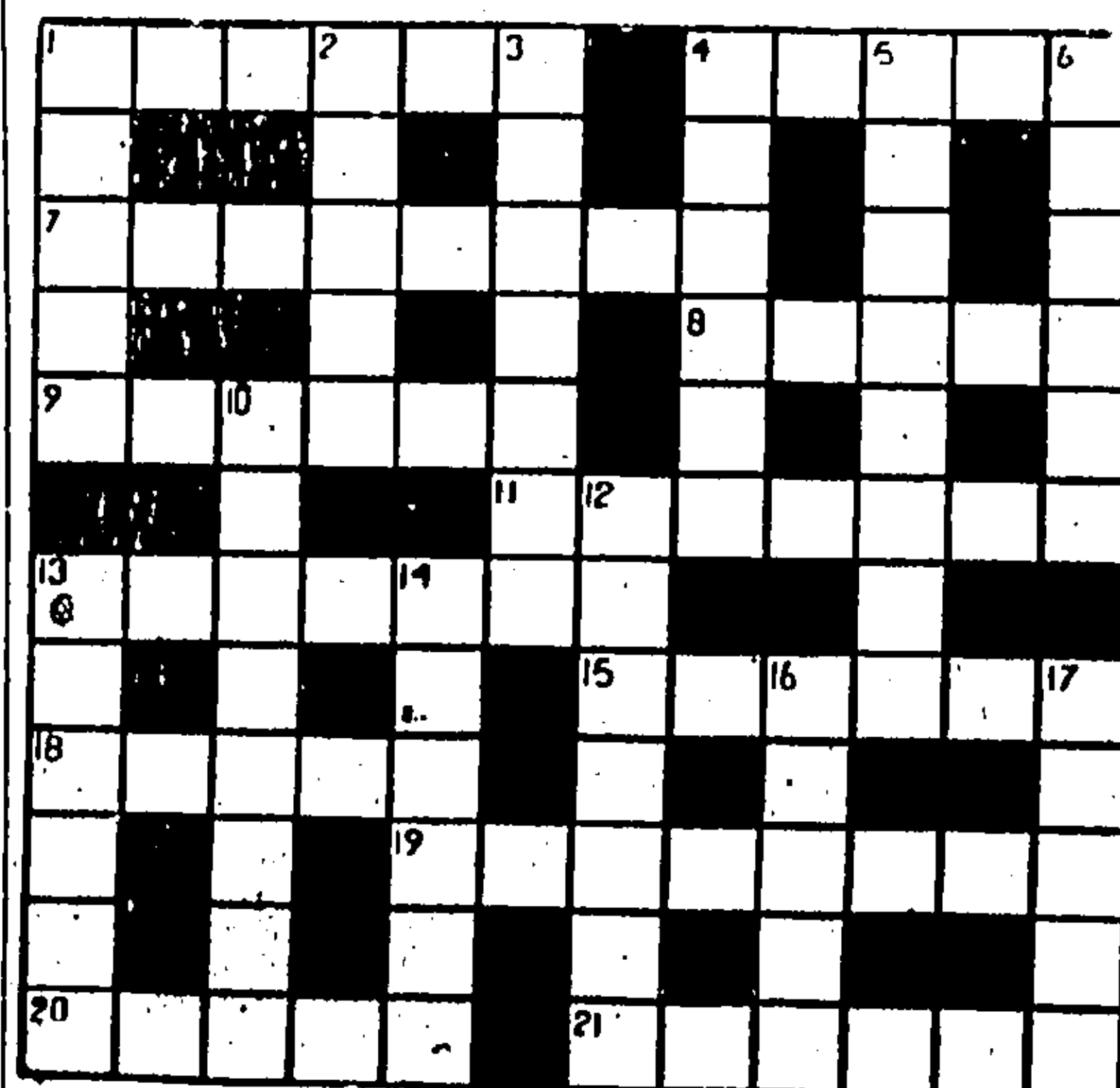
The net drain on the United Kingdom gold and dollar reserves last year was £1,023 million. This was made up by a decrease in the gold and dollar holdings of £151 million, drawings on United States credit of £707 million, drawings on Canadian credit of £105 million, and £60 million from the International Monetary Fund.

The net change in the United Kingdom external capital assets is shown by a credit figure of £208 million as against a deficit of £114 million in 1946.

The net change in sterling balances shows a deficit of £142 million against credit figure of £40 million for 1946.

The worsening of the balance of payments in 1947 was primarily in Britain's relations with the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Haphazard.
- 4 Drugged.
- 7 Dispel.
- 10 Liarism.
- 13 Dodge.
- 15 Small tower.
- 17 Gen.
- 18 Liken.
- 19 Tirade.
- 20 Damp.
- 21 Lengthen.
- 22 Bird.
- 23 Simmered.

Clues Down

- 1 Send.
- 2 Put off.
- 3 Perfect.
- 4 Hate.
- 5 Abode of bliss.
- 6 Constraint.
- 10 Recollect.
- 12 Give.
- 13 Stick together.
- 14 Zealous.
- 16 Rascal.
- 17 Fear.

Tuesday's Crossword

- Across—1 Plus, 4 Romance, 8 Telp, 9 Wave, 10 Defect, 11 Amen, 12 Bell, 14 Recluse, 17 Arise, 19 Edges, 22 Slender, 26 Rest, 27 Gals.

ANGLO-FRENCH BLOC TALKS

Paris, Feb. 11.
Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared in an exclusive interview given to the London correspondent of the Paris evening paper, Paris Presse, today that France and Britain were in permanent consultation for the realisation of a Euro-African economic bloc, which would be a balancing element between the United States and the USSR.

Sir Stafford said he had no knowledge of any formal conference being arranged shortly between British and French technical experts to study the Euro-African plan, but Paris Presse said it had gathered from sources in London that such a conference would be held some time this month.—Reuter.

ERNEST BEVIN THREATENED

London, Feb. 12.

Security arrangements for the protection of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin "have been tightened up" following an anonymous telephone warning received by the British Embassy in Paris, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

"The caller said Mr. Bevin is in danger," the spokesman said. He said Mr. Bevin was accompanied by the "usual" Scotland

T.U.C. Approach To Attlee

LONDON, FEB. 11.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, AND OTHER LEADING CABINET MINISTERS TO-NIGHT MET LEADERS OF BRITISH TRADE UNIONS TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S TRADE POLICY.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps and the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, took part in the meeting.

The trade union leaders were seeking elucidation of last week's statement by Mr. Attlee which urged that wages should not be increased unless there is a corresponding rise in output or in undermanned industries where it is in the national interest.

As a result of today's discussion, Sir Stafford Cripps will make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow detailing the Government's policy on profits. The Government's approach to profits has been attacked by union leaders who feel that any pegging of wages should be accompanied by cuts in profits.—Reuter.

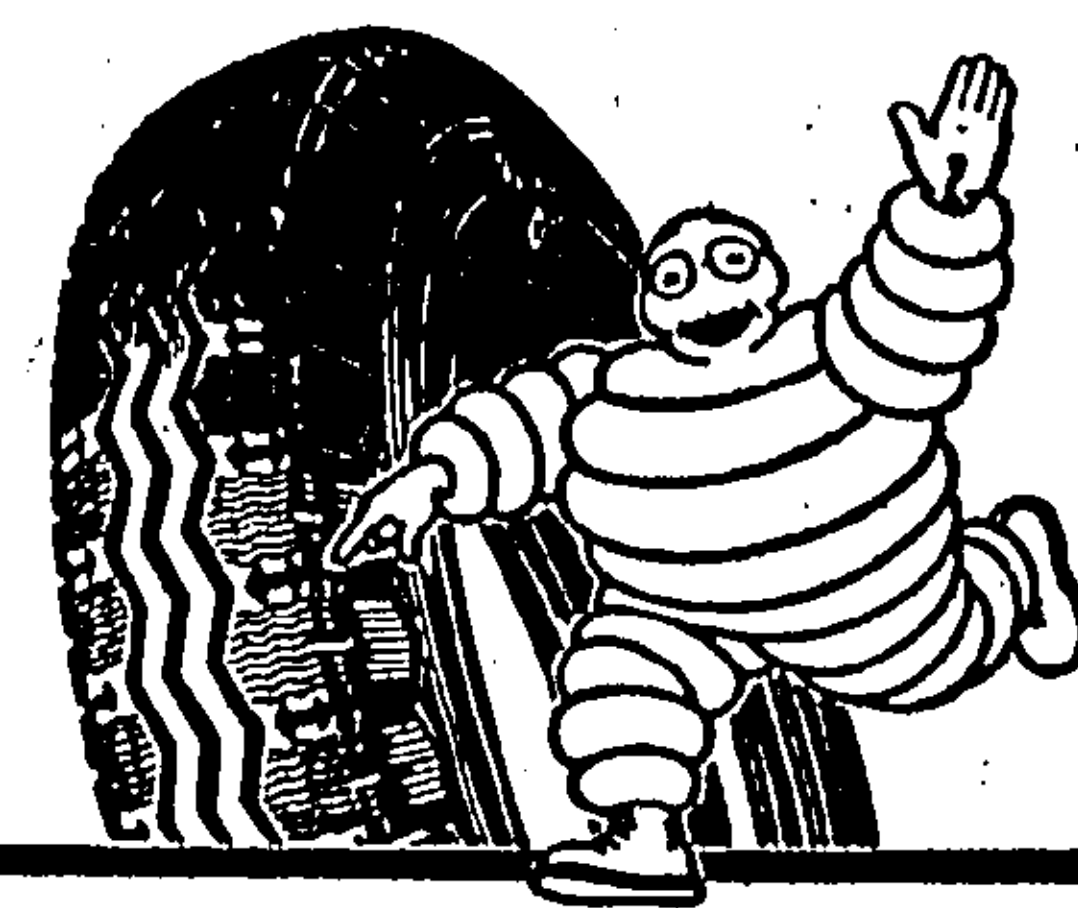
Yard security men when he appeared at the dinner given by the Anglo-French Society last night.—United Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



soadies had wished for a big Easter egg as a surprise for the little animals of Toadstool Hollow. Flop the Frog granted the wish and gave the egg magic instructions to find its own way to the Hollow. It raced off bumping along the road and

through the woods. Whisk raced after it and was just in time to see it bounce on to a cup-shaped toadstool. "Gracious!" gasped a Rabbit who was taking his small son for a stroll. "What in the warren is this?"



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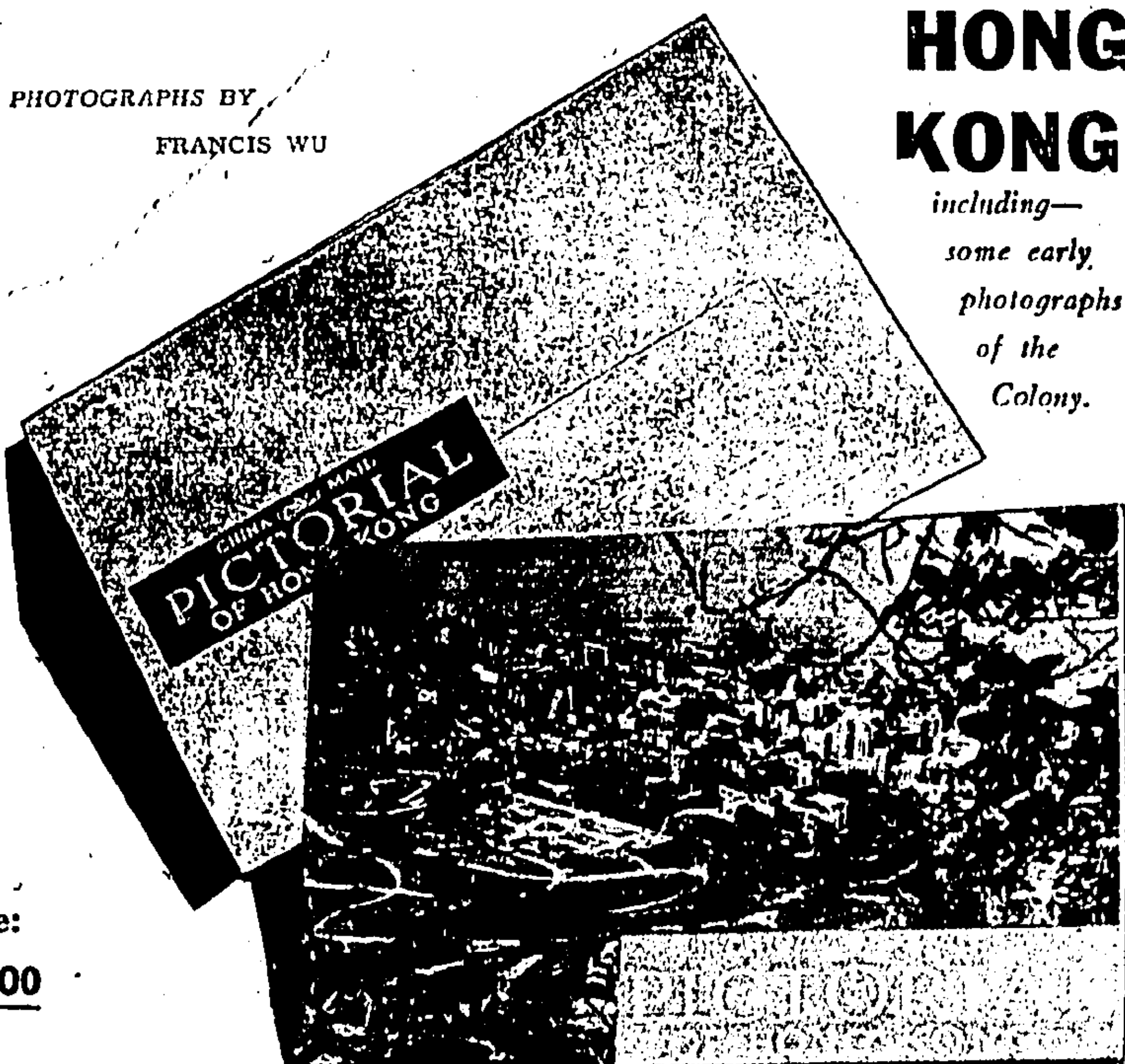
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BEVAN HITS AT DOCTORS: "POLITICALLY POISONOUS"

Sabotage Of Act Of Parliament

London, Feb. 12.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, whose bluntness had earlier antagonised opponents of his new National Health scheme, today accused the British Medical Association of being a "small body of politically poisoned people."

The British Medical Association represents a majority of the doctors.

Ten days ago, Mr. Bevan, in an attack on the BMA, said that the plebiscite which it is now conducting among the doctors on whether they should join the scheme, gave rise to the "possibility of intimidation."

The battle between the Association and Mr. Bevan, which has been raging outside Parliament for several months, was

today taken to the floor of the House of Commons for the first time.

It was in a motion moved by Mr. Bevan welcoming the carrying out of the Government's scheme next July and expressing satisfaction that the conditions under which the profession was invited to take part were "generous and fully in accord with their traditional freedom and dignity."

Squalid

The main controversial issue is over the proposed payment to the doctors of a retaining fee of £300 a year.

Accusing the BMA of stirring up as much emotion as it can in the medical profession, Mr. Bevan said: "We are dealing with a body organising resistance to the implementation of an Act of Parliament."

On this point he was apparently taking his cue from Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said on Saturday that the attitude of certain groups of people who thought their own interests and opinions ought to override the decisions of the nation "strikes at the very root of democracy."

Charging the BMA with misrepresentation and with rejecting the Government's plans before they knew what the terms of the doctors' remuneration would be, Mr. Bevan added: "The whole thing looks more like a squalid conspiracy than representation by a honourable and learned profession."

Sabotage

He did not object to the BMA urging doctors not to enter the scheme. "What we do take serious objection to is an organised sabotage of an Act of Parliament."

Mr. R. A. Butler, the chief Opposition speaker, blamed Mr. Bevan for failure to reach an agreement with the doctors.

He accused Mr. Bevan of deliberately using such words as "squalid politics" because he knows that "it is in the waters of squalid politics that he most enjoys himself."

Mr. Butler moved an amendment which, while welcoming the introduction of the scheme, "declines to prejudice in any way the rights of doctors to express their opinions freely, according to their traditions and in the interests of their patients upon the conditions of the service."—Reuter.

CONCESSION TO IMPORTERS

Nanking, Feb. 12.

The Executive Yuan yesterday ordered an extension by 10 days of the two-months period allowed to importers of wool now impounded in Shanghai to apply for Government purchase of their cargoes.

The original deadline now falling due also applies in the case of re-exportation for which no extension has been given.

Falling complete registration within the extended period the owners face the only alternative: confiscation of their wool cargoes.—Reuter-AAP.

Abuse Of British Hospitality?

London, Feb. 12.

Mr. John Platts Mills, Labour Member of Parliament, who belong to the left wing of his party, alleged in the House of Commons today that a movement embracing "reasonable elements from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Poland" met in London last October to plot against the security of "countries friendly to Great Britain."

Mr. Platts Mills asked the Foreign Secretary what measures he was taking to prevent this "abuse of British hospitality."

Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, replied that no evidence had come to light on any meetings of foreign nationals in London, which could be described as "treasonable" in intent or as an abuse of British hospitality.

Mr. Platts Mills then said that members of the movement he referred to had now set up their "conspiratorial headquarters in Washington under the name of the Peasants' International."

He suggested that the United States should be "encouraged to stop such activities."

Mr. McNeill replied: "I do not see that the name which you quote is an evidence of the charge you make."

The years cheer when a Conservative Member, Mr. Lennox Boyd, said if Mr. Platts Mills meant by "reasonable elements" people who were on Britain's side in the last war.—Reuter.

SPECULATION EVIL

Washington, Feb. 11.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Clinton F. Anderson, today blamed the recent "boom and bust" market in America upon mass speculation by small traders and asked the Senate Agriculture Committee to approve a bill that would allow the Department of Agriculture to fix the amount of margin required for speculative trading.

Local exchanges now set the margins or down payments required of commodity traders. Mr. Anderson said that control of margins, "to cool the speculative fever before it is too late, is the only remedy we can see as a possible alternative to even more drastic measures."—Reuter.

Pope's Ash Wednesday Message

ROME, FEB. 11.

POPE PIUS XII SAID TODAY THAT "OUR WORLD WILL NOT BE HAPPY" UNLESS THE PEOPLES OF ALL NATIONS ARE UNITED BY LOVE.

His Ash Wednesday message, directed to the parochial school children of the United States, appealed for prayer and "sacrifice" for war needy children of Europe during Lent, which began today.

Recalling the response made by children during Lent last year, he said:

"From Europe, Asia and almost every spot the horrible war has touched, they cried to you. You have made them your friends forever by answering from your hearts."—Associated Press.

French Search For Security

London, Feb. 12.

Diplomatic circles said today France is demanding a security bridgehead east of the Rhine.

The subject, they said, will be high on the agenda of the United States, British and French talks on the future of Western Germany.

A Foreign Office spokesman said a tentative agenda for the conference, due to open around Feb. 20, had been submitted to France by the United States and Great Britain.

The main aim of the American and British representatives will be to persuade France to merge her German occupation zone with those of the United States and Britain.

Where the French want their Rhine bridgehead was not disclosed. Diplomats said the purpose is obviously to obtain an outpost as a base for swift retaliation against any new German attempt at aggression.

The French security requirements were represented by these sources as the price for a merger of Western Germany.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN INCIDENT

Berlin, Feb. 12.

An official British military night train from the British Zone to Berlin was held up by four Russian officers for two and a half hours last night at the British-Russian check point of Helmsdorf, when the Russians insisted on searching a sealed German coach attached to the train.

After a prolonged argument, during which British officers refused to permit the Russians to search the German coach, the coach was left on a siding and the train proceeded without it to Berlin.—United Press.

SANDHURST TO TRAIN GURKHA YOUTHS

London, Feb. 11.

The first step in a scheme by which Gurkha youths will come to England to train at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, was taken by the War Office tonight.

It announced that Major-General C. H. Boucher, former commander of the Second Indian Airborne Division, had been appointed to command the Gurkha Force set up under the agreement signed last November by the British Government, the Indian Government and the Kingdom of Nepal.

Major-General Boucher, who left London for Delhi and Singapore yesterday, after talks at the War Office, was at the outbreak of war instructor at the Staff College, Quetta. Formerly of the Third Gurkha Rifles, during the war he commanded at various times the 10th and 17th Indian Infantry Brigades, the 4th Indian Division (in Salonika) and the 2nd Indian Airborne Division.

The Gurkha Force will consist of the 2nd, 6th, 7th and 10th Gurkha Rifles, each of two battalions, with British elements and with supporting services recruited from Malaya and China.

It will be stationed in Malaya, probably by the end of April, and wives and families will go with the troops.

Ten Thousand

The 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th Gurkha Rifles will go to the Government of India.

Owing to the delay in settling the division of the Gurkha units between

Britain and India, only 4,000 Gurkha other ranks have elected to serve with Britain, but the War Office stated that there was a plentiful supply of recruits to make up the ceiling—of 10,400 Gurkha manpower available to Britain.

Each infantry brigade of this force will have two Gurkha battalions and one British battalion. The 7th Gurkha Rifles will be converted to artillery. Supporting arms and services will contain in the initial stages a high percentage of specialist officers and non-commissioned officers from the British Army.

Four Years

Gurkha other ranks will join on a four-year contract, which includes six-months leave in Nepal after three years in the Far East.

They will earn a pension after 16 years. Their overseas service will be compensated by a special allowance.

The Gurkhas trained at the Royal Military Academy will return to the Regiment holding normal King's Commissions and will replace Gurkha officers holding the Viceroy's Commissions.—Reuter.

China Tragic Paradox

London, Feb. 12.

A pessimistic view of China's trade problems was given in an article in today's Financial Times by a special correspondent, who declared that there seemed to be little real prospect of improvement until the Chinese Government was able to "control the internal situation."

The special correspondent added: "In the world today China presents a tragic paradox. With a population of 400,000,000, immense natural resources and potential exportable surpluses of just those things for which the world is crying out, she is yet prevented by internal disorders, by inflation and a misguided nationalism from taking advantage of her position. She is suffering from the effects of the Japanese war, followed by the lingering sickness of civil war."—Reuter.

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